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The proposals of the Special Committee appointed to provide for the due celebration of the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School drew a large attendance of Governors and Subscribers at the Quarterly Court, held on Saturday last. There would have been a strong muster under any circumstances, as the regular autumn election was a part of the day's proceedings. But it was known that a series of resolutions, embodying the recommendations of the Special Committee, as adopted by the General Committee, would be submitted, and it was also known that a wrong impression had established itself in the minds of sundry members of the Court as to the nature of those recommendations. There was, therefore, a very natural anxiety on the part of the general body of subscribers as to what would be done, and how any objections that might be raised to the Committee's proposals would be met, and the misapprehensions of sundry members allayed. The report of the Committee was in due course submitted by Bro. FENN, its Chairman, who moved, in the first place, that Scheme A, which provides, as we explained last week, for the new houses and Lyncombe House being converted into one building and re-arranged so as to provide dormitory accommodation for an additional 35 girls, should be at once proceeded with under the direction of the House Committee, and carried out at an expense not to exceed £2000. Bro. FENN then submitted a number of resolutions relating to Scheme B for enlarging and re-arranging the main building and erecting a new Centenary Hall and other necessary premises at an estimated expense of some £20,000, the extent to which these proposals will be carried out being necessarily dependent on the amount of support that may be forthcoming at the Centenary Festival. Resolution No. 4, which provided for the immediate inspection of the windows, with a view to their offering an easy means of escape in the case of fire, was adopted at once, and there was but little discussion as to Resolutions Nos. 5 to 9, which were also adopted. Resolution No. 2, however, which recommended the approval of Scheme B and the raising of the necessary funds, occupied the Committee's attention for a considerable length of time, in the course of which Bro. FENN fully and most minutely explained the various parts of the Scheme, and so clearly indicated the nature and extent of the alterations and additions which it proposed, and the sums they would severally cost, that we are satisfied the evident misapprehensions of the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire and others must have been set at rest, and that he and they fully understand that the Committee are not going to pull down property which cost £63,000 nor do they propose to erect buildings which will require a subsidy of £30,000. To us it seems hardly in doubt that Bro. TEW must have added the estimated cost of Schemes B and C together, instead of noting that it was only the former which the Committee recommended for adoption, and that Scheme C, for the manifold and satisfactory reasons which were offered, had been absolutely and entirely rejected. At all events, the ample and lucid exposition of Bro. FENN set the whole of the proposal before the Court in such a manner, that with a slight addition as to the time when it should be brought to the notice of the Quarterly Court, Resolution No. 2 was carried, and Scheme B was approved as the plan for commemorating the Centenary Festival of the Institution. It is now manifest that the extent to which it will be possible to carry out this scheme depends entirely on the Craft, on whose contributions the Committee rely for the necessary ways and means. If the requisite funds are forthcoming our Girls' School will be a fine building, as it is already a fine educational Institution, but if less than the amount stated is raised, the Committee must content themselves with such alterations and additions as will be possible with a lesser sum. It is as well, however, to point out that the fulfilment of any part of the Committee's plans now rests with the general body of the Craft, and we need hardly, therefore, remind the brethren that the services of Stewards are anxiously desired by the Secretary.

There is little doubt that, when due allowance has been made for the disappointment which the partisans of the unsuccessful candidates must experience at the failure of their efforts, the result of the Girls' School Election at the Quarterly Court on Saturday is about as satisfactory as it could have been under any circumstances short of the election of the whole body of applicants. There were 30 candidates and only 16 vacancies. It was inevitable, therefore, that 14 of the former must fail in obtaining places. However, it is gratifying to know that the hope which we expressed last week, and which was endorsed by the Chairman of the Court, Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, Past Grand Treasurer, that the four children who had but the one and only chance of election would prove successful, has been realised, and that no girl's chance of admission into the School has been utterly and irrevocably extinguished. The whole of the 14 who failed, and who are, naturally enough, downcast by the result of last Saturday's poll, have the consolation of knowing that at least one more chance of success awaits them in April next, while several of them will remain eligible for further ballots, should their then efforts prove as unavailing as on this occasion. As regards the polling, the contest appears to have been keen and well managed. No. 1, a London girl, obtained 1958 votes, and No. 16—IDA WILKINSON, of Northumberland—1637 votes, or only 321

votes below No. 1, the highest unsuccessful candidates being LILY MARTIN, of Kent, with 1619 votes, and M. M. FREEMAN, of London, with 1605 votes. Of the remaining 12, only one—the Colonial candidate—obtained an appreciable amount of support; but such support as they did obtain will of course be available for the next and, if need be, for future trials. As we have pointed out already, London succeeded in placing one of its candidates at the head of the poll, and two of its remaining six stood ninth and fifteenth respectively. Hertfordshire stood second with 1940 votes, and the West Yorkshire girl was third with 1939 votes. Wiltshire came next with 1918 votes, and then Cornwall with 1895 votes. One of the two girls from the Western Division of South Wales secured the sixth place, and the other the eleventh. The Suffolk and Sussex candidates were next in order with 1826 and 1816 votes respectively, while two of the four hailing from Devonshire obtained the tenth and thirteenth places, No. 10 polling 1781 votes, and No. 13, 1736 votes, the Hants and Isle of Wight girl coming between them, as No. 12, with 1738 votes. One of the two Dorsetshire girls stood fourteenth on the list, with 1725 votes, and the Northumberland girl brought up the rear with 1637 votes. Of the 14 unsuccessful candidates, four hailed from London, two from Devonshire, and one from each of the following, namely, Cambridgeshire, Cumberland and Westmorland, Dorsetshire, Essex, Kent, Norfolk and London, Somersetshire, and Victoria. According to the official return, 42,131 votes were issued for the election; but the votes polled and accepted amounted only to 36,024, so that the unpolled and rejected—the latter constituting a very insignificant proportion—amounted together to as many as 6007 votes.

It is greatly to be regretted that at the Boys' School Election on Monday more strenuous endeavours were not made to secure the return of all those children who, by the operation of Law 53, had only that one chance of being admitted into the Institution. Six of the candidates were placed in this predicament, and of these only two obtained places, so that the names of the remaining four will now be removed from the list. With only 12 vacancies to be filled and 54 applicants to fill them, we can well imagine the difficulty of carrying the whole six successfully through the ordeal, and we gather from the particulars in the published list that in the case of three out of the four rejected boys, the provinces from which they severally hailed must have pretty well exhausted their efforts in securing the election of their candidates at the Girls' School election on the previous Saturday. But where of two approved candidates, be they boys or girls, it is found that one has two chances of being elected and the other only one, we think the electors should do all in their power to help forward the return of the latter. Were this rule followed, then no boy or girl, whose claims to admission into our Schools have been recognised and approved, would be rejected. Past Grand Treasurer MARSHALL set an excellent example on Saturday last by announcing his intention of placing his votes at the disposal of those girls who had but that one chance of success, in the event of their needing help, and we have little doubt in our own minds that Bro. MARSHALL's announcement had much to do with securing the return of the four "last cases" among the five girls at the top of the poll. Nor does it detract from the merit of Bro. MARSHALL's conduct that in the earlier days of the Girls' School it was constantly the practice of the Committee to call the Subscribers' attention to the fact that if certain candidates were unsuccessful at an approaching Election, they would become ineligible by superannuation. Had such a custom prevailed at these Elections, it is possible the name of the lad CANNON, who was No. 1 candidate on Monday, would not have been placed on the list and remained there for three and a half years in vain. But to return to the Election. With so many candidates and so small a proportion of vacancies it will be understood that the contest on Monday was very keen, no less than three candidates who polled over 2000 votes, and one who obtained upwards of 1900, failing to win places, while five others had 1100 votes and upwards. The highest successful candidate was MORGAN, from Monmouthshire, for whom 3368 votes were cast, BOULTER, of Somersetshire, being second with 3151 votes. MASON, from Warwickshire, who, as well as BOULTER, was a "last case," was third with 2981 votes, HIRD and TOLSON, of W. Yorkshire, being next with 2973 votes and 2916 votes respectively. The next five on the list hailed from London, PAYNE obtaining 2856 votes, BARKER 2626 votes, ALBERY, 2607 votes, BROAD 2441 votes, and FITT, who had 700 votes to his credit from April, 2397 votes. KELLY, of Cheshire, stood eleventh with 2336 votes, and a second Somersetshire lad named EDWARDS last with 2229 votes, the four highest unsuccessful candidates being MOSSOP (Cumberland and Westmoreland), who had 2145 votes, CHEEK (London), 2129 votes, CABLE (Surrey), 2089 votes, and BROWN (Durham), 1914 votes. We notice further that London, which supplied 18, or exactly one-third of the candidates, was successful in five cases, while West Yorkshire, which sent up four candidates, carried two; Somersetshire two out of its three candidates; Warwickshire one of its two candidates; and Cheshire and Monmouthshire each its only candidate. As regards the votes brought forward and polled, we find on reckoning up the figures that the former were 6351, and the latter 53,400, the number issued for this election being announced as 58,703, so that the number of unpolled and spoilt votes was 5303, which is a smaller proportion than in the case of the Girls' School, both actually and relatively to the number issued.

The annual meeting at West Hartlepool of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, of which we gave a full report last week, appears to have been a great success, both as regards its proceedings and the number of brethren who attended it. The Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., presided in person, and was well supported by his Deputy, Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM,

Past G. Chap. of England, his Grand Officers, both Present and Past, and the representatives of the subordinate lodges. The financial and statistical reports were satisfactory, that of the Prov. Grand Treasurer in particular, showing in respect of the capital account a total of upwards of £2393. The address of the Prov. Grand Master must have been equally gratifying, both to the distinguished brother who delivered it, and who, during his brief tenure of office, has proved himself so worthy of the honour conferred upon him, and to the brethren who formed his audience. The events to which it referred were for the most part of an agreeable character, the solitary exception being the death of Bro. E. D. DAVIS, of Newcastle, who at the time of his demise was one of the Grand Standard Bearers of England, and to whose memory Bro. Sir H. WILLIAMSON paid a well-conceived tribute of respect. Indeed, it must be evident to all who know anything of the Craft in Durham that Freemasonry in this early province is in a most flourishing condition, and we have no doubt that under the auspices of its present popular ruler its future will be to the full as prosperous as its past and present. We must not miss this opportunity of congratulating Bro. ROBERT HUDSON, who for some years past has been the Grand Secretary of the Province, on the honour paid him by his brethren in presenting him with a full suit of Grand Lodge clothing on his appointment by the M.W. GRAND MASTER at the recent Masonic Jubilee gathering to the brevet rank of Past Grand Sword Bearer of England. Bro. HUDSON has successfully performed the many and often arduous duties with which he has been entrusted during his Masonic career of a quarter of a century, and he is now reaping the reward of his labours. May he be spared many years to enjoy the honours which he so fully deserves!

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held last Saturday in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, presided, and he was supported on the dais by—

Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D. Pres. B.G.P.; Richard Eve, Grand Treas.; Thomas Fenn; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; James H. Matthews, P.G. Swd. Br.; Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Hammerton, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; H. A. Hunt, and F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. There were also present among others Bros. Henry Smith, P.G.D. Deputy Prov. G.M. W. Yorks; W. F. Smithson, Leeds, Chairman W. Yorks Charity Committee; W. Harrop, Vice-Chairman Charity Committee W. Yorks; Herbert Green, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks; John Wordsworth; J. A. Birch, Chairman East Lancs. Charity Committee; G. P. Brockbank, P. G. Std. Br., Deputy Chairman East Lancs. Charity Committee; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec., and Secretary Charity Committee, West Lancs.; J. P. Platt, Cheshire Charity Committee; G. Russell, Henry Venn, George Kenning, Vice-Patron; F. D. R. Copestick, C. H. Driver, Lt.-Col. Haldane, Geo. Bolton, F. Adlard, Geo. Laurie, C. J. Perceval, George Cooper, C. F. Hogard, W. Lake, and others.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the report of the Committee as to the alteration of the dates of the Quarterly Courts was adopted.

Bro. J. A. BIRCH moved that as the alteration of the dates of election would necessarily involve some alterations in the Laws of the Institution, the Committee already appointed continue their services until the alterations are effected.

This was seconded and carried.

The Centenary Committee's report, which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 1st instant, was taken as read, and on a motion of Bro. THOMAS FENN, seconded by Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, was ordered to be received.

The following were the other motions of which notice had been given by Bro. Thomas Fenn:—

2. That Scheme A be adopted, and be referred to the House Committee to carry out at a cost not exceeding £2000.
3. That Scheme B be approved, and that the Craft be and are hereby earnestly solicited to furnish the necessary funds at the forthcoming Centenary Festival to enable this Scheme also to be carried into effect.
4. That the windows of the Institution be inspected forthwith, with a view to the provision of a means of egress in case of fire.
5. That in addition to the Premium Votes conferred under Clause 1, Law 24, every Steward at the Centenary Festival shall be entitled to Premium Votes in proportion to his personal donation, as follows, viz.:—Two in consideration of the first Ten Guineas, and one for every Five Guineas beyond that sum.
6. That for the purposes of the Centenary Festival, Clause 3 of Law 24 be suspended, and that in lieu of the "List" Votes conferred thereunder, every Steward at this Festival shall be entitled to two Premium Votes for every Twenty Guineas on the gross total of his List.
7. That in the case of Annual Subscriptions commenced on the List of a Steward at the Centenary Festival, and continued at intervals of not less than 12 months, the completion of every Six Guineas so subscribed shall entitle the contributor to all the privileges of a donation of £5 ss., paid in one sum, notwithstanding he shall have received Votes as an Annual Subscriber in the meantime.
8. That the "Centenary" Premium Votes be so distinguished yearly in the printed List of Subscribers.
9. That application be made for permission to wear the Stewards' Badge as a Centenary jewel in perpetuity, and that it be of a special design selected for the occasion, to be submitted to the G.D. of C., and approved of by the M.W. The Grand Master.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, in rising to move the adoption of No. 2, above given, said, as he was given to understand that there might be, he would not say, opposition to, but, some discussion relating to the third proposition, he would propose all the others first and separately, and leave No. 3 for discussion after the others had been disposed of. With reference to No. 2, he thought all the brethren present would agree with him, that having purchased the two extra buildings adjoining Lyncombe House they would be stultifying themselves altogether if they did not avail themselves of these two houses and put them in a condition which would enable the Committee to extend the Junior School and make, in fact, a proper use of the purchase.

The moderate expense of £2000 would greatly add to the accommodation of the School; 35 more children could by this means be accommodated, and the alteration would very vastly increase the convenience of the building in other respects.

Bro. ROBERT GREY seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Bro. FENN, in moving the adoption of No. 4, said he did not anticipate any objection to that. On the examination of the building necessary for the purposes of the Committee it was discovered that the windows having iron frames were perfectly unable to be opened to an extent even to admit of the egress of a child. He thought no one would object to this being seen to at once.

Bro. ROBERT GREY seconded this motion also, which was then put and carried.

Bro. FENN then proposed, and Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded, the adoption of No. 5.

Clause 1, Law 24, having been read by the SECRETARY, at the request of Bro. Money, Bro. MONEY said he did not agree with this proposed resolution, because he did not think it fair to the old subscribers of ten guineas and five guineas. He would suggest that every one who served for the first time on this centenary occasion should first qualify himself as a previous donor; otherwise he would be put on a level with old subscribers, though he had never before done anything for the Charities. The votes were really going a great deal too cheaply, and some restriction ought to be imposed. He would move as an amendment "That no one who has not already qualified as a Life Governor by the donation of ten guineas shall be allowed these extra votes."

Bro. GEORGE BOLTON seconded the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN said he should like to inform the brethren with reference to the last Boys' election that subscribers received double votes, and those who were wise enough qualified before hand, and had four times the votes. That was not proposed by this Committee, but every one who was wise would put his name for ten guineas.

Bro. FENN said the object of the Committee was to get as many new Stewards as possible.

The amendment was lost and the original proposition carried.

Motion No. 6 was moved, seconded, put, and carried.

Bro. FENN moved, and Bro. GREY seconded No. 7.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD hardly saw the necessity of putting in the words "at intervals of not less than 12 months."

Bro. FENN said this was a misprint; it should have been "not more than 12 months."

The correction was made in the motion, and the motion as altered was carried.

Nos. 8 and 9 were also moved, seconded, and carried "nem. con."

Bro. FENN then recurred to No. 3, but before asking the Chairman to put the resolution to the meeting he would like a letter read which had been written by Bro. Tew, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, to the Secretary in his official capacity. He thought Bro. Tew could have no objection to its being read. His (Bro. Fenn's) name was mentioned in the letter, and a certain imputation was cast upon the Committee, of which he (Bro. Fenn) was Chairman, and he thought it should be read and answered. There were certain misconceptions in that letter, so extraordinary that if the brethren in the provinces misconstrued them in the same manner the Committee would have to give the scheme up altogether, for they could not do without the assistance of the provinces. The misconceptions were marvellous and should be explained.

The CHAIRMAN said this was a very important letter, and he thought it should be read.

Bro. J. A. BIRCH protested. It would be establishing a very inconvenient practice if letters were to be read at these Courts from brethren who happened to be distant, and who did not attend. It would take up a long time. If a brother had strong views to represent he should attend. If he could not attend he should have sufficient confidence in those who did attend to leave them to settle the question. He believed it would be the initiation of a most inconvenient practice. He moved "That the letter be not read."

Bro. FENN quite agreed with Bro. Birch as to the inconvenience of the course he proposed, if it were generally adopted. But Bro. Tew represented brethren of one of the largest provinces in England, and his remarks were of very great importance, and if the misconceptions of Bro. Tew were shared by other members in the provinces, he thought it was right they should be removed. It was quite an exceptional case. The reading of the letter would not take long.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD thought the difficulty of Bro. Birch was that Bro. Tew, the Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, was not present. He would remind him that the D.P.G.M. was present, and he could adopt the letter of Bro. Tew.

Bro. FENN said perhaps it would remove the difficulty if the letter were not read in its entirety, and if he referred to the misconceptions of Bro. Tew as he went on. Bro. Tew and he were old personal friends, and he had great respect for Bro. Tew, having known him well for many years. But Bro. Tew said, mentioning his (Bro. Fenn's) name—"I ask you to present this my protest to Bro. Fenn and to the Court against the haste with which this scheme is to be pushed through the Court and upon the Craft generally." Now, he (Bro. Fenn) protested against this assumption that the Committee desired to push the report through the Court. The Committee, of which he had the honour to be Chairman, had to perform certain duties which they were asked to undertake by the General Committee. They did so, and as quickly as they could, and made their report on the first available opportunity. They could do no more, and in the discharge of their duty they could do no less. It was not the fault of the General Committee or the Quarterly Court that the General Committee met about one week before the Quarterly General Court. The Committee could not publish their report before it was made to the General Committee, and the Secretary had a number of them printed and in the hands of the General Committee, and they were sent out the next day to the Provincial Grand Secretaries. There was no desire on the part of any one to force it through the Court. The proposition he had to bring under their notice meant very little; it did not commit the Court to spend £20,000; the matter must come before another Quarterly Court, and therefore the haste of which Bro. Tew complained did not exist, and there was no necessity for haste. Bro. Tew wrote of the great cost of the buildings which were proposed to be pulled down wholesale—£63,000 (with the land). What were they proposing to pull down? The north-west wing, which cost some £1400. They also proposed to pull down the kitchen and some useless sculleries and store rooms. The kitchen was becoming of very little service, because it was built for 68 children, and it had now to provide for over 200 and a proportionate staff. That cost perhaps another £1400, because the kitchen was only of one storey. There was no building over it, and instead of this cost of £63,000, if Bro. Tew knocked off £60,000, £3000 would be found to be much nearer the mark. Then Bro. Tew said the new buildings were to cost £30,000. There was nothing in the report to justify that assumption. The sum mentioned was £20,000. As he went through the proposition of the Sub-Committee he would mention the various items which made up this £20,000. Bro. Tew said there would be £12,000 extra. He (Bro. Fenn) did not know where Bro. Tew got his £12,000. That was in connection with C scheme, which the Committee did not recommend. The first part of the recommendation of the Sub-Committee was that new kitchen offices, with matron's room, cooking class room, house dining room, and servants' bed rooms be built on the site of the new

piece of ground lately purchased by the Institution, and bounded by the public road. It was necessary for him to state that part of the recommendations was the conversion of the drill room into a dining room, and therefore the position of the kitchen near the dining room was the best place for it. The estimated cost of this would be £7000. This was not only the kitchen, but the Matron's room, cooking class rooms, and bed rooms for all the servants, which would be a very extensive building. The next proposition was for converting the present large Schoolroom in the Alexandra Wing into a Dining Hall. That cost nothing. 3.—Converting the present Dining Hall and Cooking Class-room into one large Schoolroom, by removing the intermediate wall, and thus enlarging the Dormitory over, and gaining space for eight more beds. 4.—Building a new large Schoolroom about 76 feet by 22 feet adjoining the last with—5.—Large Dormitories over, capable of affording sleeping accommodation (with 45 feet superficial area to each) for 76 children, with the necessary Lavatories, &c., &c. The estimated cost of all that was £5000. Then covering the present asphalted court with wide and airy passages, day lavatories, latrines, and boot-room. That would be a very great advantage, affording a covered connection with all parts of the building. That would cost £1400. The building of the Centenary Hall, under scheme B, would cost £5000. If the Committee had adopted scheme C, it would cost £7000, because the building would stand by itself and there would be certain architectural requirements which would add very considerably to the expense. He would now allude to the Medical Officer's Report, the principal part of which was in the hands of the brethren, and it showed the absolute necessity that something should be done. Now that the Report had been put before the Committee, it threw a vast responsibility upon them. The School was overcrowded; and if an epidemic should break out there, the Committee would be responsible after this notice had been given them. This School was crowded far more than any building under the direction of Government Officers, and of those who had the superintendence of those buildings. The Committee felt it was a great responsibility. It was therefore absolutely necessary to make the alterations, for unless they carried them out they would have to stop any more children coming into the school until they came down to such a number as to be within the requirements of the Medical Officers. These alterations amounted altogether to £19,000, so that they would see that Bro. Tew was far beyond the mark in his apprehensions. Bro. Tew also said the expense of £30,000 was to be incurred for an additional 75 girls; but this was another misleading statement, because it was really for over 100 children, which was reduced to 75 if you took 30 off to give the requisite space to be allowed to each child.

Bro. J. A. BIRCH said it was £19,000, in addition to the £2000 for the Junior School.

Bro. FENN said that was so. He might say that although this scheme proposed the addition of bed-rooms and dormitories, it was not imperative on the Committee that these should be filled directly; it was only necessary that they should be filled as occasion might require. But having the future before them, and judging of it by the past, it seemed requisite to provide for extending the usefulness of the School as Masonry increased. It would be folly, while they were about it and had the means of increasing the dormitory accommodation, that they should neglect that opportunity. Of course they could do without the new dormitories proposed to be built over the schoolroom, and where the kitchen was. But as it stood between the great hall and the other part of the building, the expense was so small that, as he said before, it would be folly in them not to avail themselves of the opportunity of building these two rooms. Just one more remark. He had heard some say that it would be a great deal better to remove the School further out into the country, than to go to this expense at once. He hoped that no such suggestion would be made. He had been a member of this House Committee a short time, but long enough to know how ably it conducted the affairs of the School, how devoted the members of the Committee were to the Institution's interest, running down on all occasions, when wanted, or not wanted—(laughter)—on week days or Sundays; whenever they found a convenient moment they would go down there and see what was going on. The Chairman of the month was almost always there; he was at the beck and call of the matron, and Miss Davis, the head governess, and everyone else. Now it would be impossible to do this if the building were 20 miles away from London. Now, all the subscribers had the greatest security for the proper conduct of this School in the constant supervision of the House Committee—(hear, hear); moreover, why should the Institution go to the country? It was at present in the most healthy part of London; they could not have a more healthy place; it could not be enclosed any more than it was now, and there was plenty of room for the School even in its expanded form. If it would meet the objection which had been made or shadowed forth by Bro. Tew, he and others might possibly feel more assured that the Committee were not rushing this report through the Quarterly Court if he stated he had no objection to add to his motion, the rider "subject to any modification which after due consideration may be deemed desirable by a future Quarterly Court," so that no money might be spent without the consent of a future Quarterly Court, which could make any alteration in this scheme at a future date. It was brought on now because it was necessary at once to come before the Craft with some proposition for celebrating the Centenary of the Institution.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD asked Bro. Fenn whether he would repeat the figures.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorks, submitted that it was for want of full information that the misconception which had been alluded to had arisen in the provinces. Bro. Tew, like any other brother who could not come to the meeting, wrote a letter for information. He (Bro. H. Smith) did not come there to complain; on the contrary, he came to support the Committee in every possible way. The report was practically read because all items were referred to by Bro. Fenn. But it was impossible to understand the plan which was annexed to the report. He knew that the beds in the dormitories for years had been overcrowded, and that at least 30 ought to have come out. Therefore it was a very wise thing at this time when there was a chance of getting extra funds to take advantage of the opportunity to bring the present state of things into a satisfactory condition. The desire of the Committee should be to make the Institution equal if not superior to any other institution in the country. The subscribers did not want them to waste money, but only to see that the Institution was second to none. A plan which could be more easily understood which would, give a proper distribution of the rooms, and on a larger scale, should be sent out, and the sooner it was sent out the better. There was nothing would disabuse the minds of people who had not been associated with the Committee of any misapprehension so much as a proper plan, and then making them fully acquainted with the whole circumstances. Eventually, however much that

money might increase from time to time, at present it was not intended to exceed the amount asked.

Bro. FENN said Bro. Hogard had asked him to explain the figures of which the £19,000 was composed. They were new kitchens, £7000, corridors, £600, new schoolroom and two dormitories, £5000, lavatories, passages, &c., £1400, large hall, £5000, making £19,000.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., in rising to second the proposition of Bro. Fenn, said after the able manner in which that brother had put it very few remarks were necessary from him. This was no sudden scheme. Those members of the House Committee whom the brethren had from time to time elected to govern the Institution had seen the disadvantages under which they were labouring, and it had been a matter of consideration with them from week to week how those disadvantages were to be cured, not only in the domestic offices, but in the teaching department, because the number of the children had been continually increased without the establishment being increased concurrently with them. At the time the Institution was increased it was only sufficient for the time being. Now there were so many children there that it was inadequate for the proper teaching of them. Therefore, it was felt by the House Committee that they must see how the difficulty could be remedied. The different matters affecting the School had not been the subject of consideration by one or two meetings, but 20 or 30. The scheme propounded they thought was one that would not only ensure the present requirements, but enable the subscribers to deal with enlargements of the Institution at a future date. Something must be done. If this scheme was not accepted by, and acceptable to, the general body of the subscribers, some other scheme must be propounded, because it was an impossibility that the establishment could really be carried on as it was. (Applause.)

Bro. RUSSELL (Kent) entirely approved of the scheme, yet wished to make a few remarks. The very hard line that Bro. Fenn had drawn between the £30,000 and the £20,000 or £19,000 caused him to ask which sum they proposed to spend. Unless the brethren and their Committee in their corporate capacity were more fortunate than individuals in their private capacity, they knew they would not complete the scheme for the sum mentioned. There was always something cropping up. What he wished to do was to place on record that day a remark on this subject, because he thought it would be extremely valuable at a future day. He did not wish them to cross the river, and then burn their boats. It might happen at a future day they would be told that when they asked for £19,000 they said they did not want £30,000, and the question might be asked which was right and which was wrong. (Hear, hear.) He thought they should bear in mind that if they asked for £20,000 they might want £25,000, and then they would be in a much better position now than if they started on the hypothesis of wanting £30,000. He did not think that the brethren who were going to act as Stewards would want any spur to induce them to make the collections. They were all going to start on that endeavour, and he would say it was probable that something more than £20,000 would be wanted.

Bro. ROBERT GREY thought a time should be fixed in this motion.

Bro. FENN said the Committee would undertake to bring it before a Quarterly Court.

Bro. J. A. BIRCH asked whether the Quarterly Court in April would not be soon enough?

Bro. FENN said the Festival would not have been held so soon, and they would not know then what money the Festival would produce.

Bro. BIRCH said the modifications, if any, which might be made in the propositions at the April Court need not be final.

Bro. FENN said he would name the Quarterly Court in April.

The motion with the rider was then put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON moved that an additional child should be elected, in consequence of the death of Florence Weber. There was a bed vacant, and he knew it was against the wish of the subscribers that there should be any bed vacant.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The CHAIRMAN then stated that there were four last applications on the list, one of which he was told was safe. He should divide his 400 votes among the other three.

The Scrutineers were appointed, and the election of 16 girls out of a list of 30 candidates was proceeded with. At the declaration of the poll the following was the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Elsie Caroline Matthews ...	1958	Emma Edith Woodbridge ...	1816
Florence Eleanor Bexfield ...	1940	Winifred Emily Chinneck ...	1781
Amy Harriet Turnell ...	1939	Frances Ann Ace ...	1761
Amy Henrietta Smith ...	1918	Ethel Clara Jolliffe ...	1738
Mary Elizabeth Rowe ...	1895	Kathleen Isabel Luke ...	1736
Jane Edmunds ...	1847	Mary Baverstock ...	1725
Elsie Maudslay James ...	1839	Maude Alice Walker ...	1651
Sybil Spalding ...	1820	Ida Wilkinson ...	1637

UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Lily Martin ...	1619	Mary Elizabeth Bruce ...	372
Maud Mary Freeman ...	1605	Sarah Bissett ...	234
Ruby Rosetta Webster ...	844	Nora Geach ...	181
Kate Lilian Boning ...	487	Olga Katinka Tettenborn ...	145
Henrietta Ada Staff ...	444	Jane Roulledge Wilkinson ...	125
Mary Melita Tink ...	441	Fanny Clark Campoell ...	106
Georgina Balch ...	384	Mary Elizabeth Herratt ...	30

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was carried by acclamation, and Bro. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL returned thanks.

The Chairman of the Scrutineers, Bro. C. F. MATIER, in responding to a similar vote of thanks, gave some particulars of the day's voting, which showed that there were 49 voting papers for 80 votes not filled in; 16 papers for 41 votes not signed; and nine papers for 49 votes filled in for more than one candidate.

The total number polled was 36,024; lost votes, 170; not polled, 5937; an average of nearly 15 per cent., which is higher, we believe, than at any previous election.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Richard Eve, G. Treas., presiding. The Chairman was supported by Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; and F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd. and P.G.S.B. (Secretary). Among the other brethren present were—

Bros. G. Gardner, W. Roebuck, S. J. Parkhouse, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Geo. W. Dixon, J. Wordsworth, W. H. Spaul, M. Tennant, I. Neelson, H. Smith, D.P.G.M.

W. Yorks; W. F. Smithson, H. G. E. Green, P.G. Sec. W. Yorks; Capt. S. G. Homfray, T. M. Hume, Wm. V. F. R. S. H. Masey, W. H. Saunders, W. Martin, W. Surt, G. W. Nightingale, W. Goodacre, J. A. Birch, G. J. McKay, J. A. Hanson, R. D. Cummings, T. G. Gole, C. Millbourn, V.P.; C. J. Perceval, V.P.; A. E. Gladwell, F. Adair, Capt. W. A. Warton, C. S. Lane, J. P. P. Scott, A. Holmes, T. B. Indley, A. C. Spaul, G. King, G. Morgan, D. D. Mercer, W. G. Dickens, C. G. Hill, H. Cox, C. H. Gregory, P.G.D.; P. Cheek, J. Moffatt, C. H. Raddiffe, James Stevens, S. K. Bennett, G. Coon, W. Morrison, J. Eborall, T. Chesworth, A. H. Lilley, W. Whitley, I. I. Barry, A. S. Perkins, W. Pennell, C. H. Webb, C. F. Matier, H. Dehane, G. W. Verry, C. F. Hagar, C. H. Haine, and W. D. Dugdale.

The minutes of the former Quarterly Court having been read and confirmed, summaries of the other Committees since that date were read for information.

The report of the Committee on the alteration of the days of elections was also read, which recommended that the Quarterly Courts of the Boys' School should be held on the last Friday in January, April, July, and October, and that the similar courts of the Girls' Institution should be held the day following. The report was adopted.

Bro. J. A. BIRCH (Manchester), moved that the Committee already appointed be continued till the alterations consequent on the adoption of this report, which must be made in the printed laws of the Institution, are made.

The motion was seconded, put, and carried.

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, P.G. Std. Br., for Bro. Joyce Murray, Vice-Patron, on behalf of the House Committee, moved "That an additional vacancy be declared, to be filled up by the election of an additional candidate, at the Quarterly Court on the 10th October, 1887."

Bro. McKAY seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. BINCKES said he might inform the Court that the reason for bringing this motion forward was that a boy of the name of Whitaker, who was elected two years ago, was taken ill immediately afterwards, and left on account of ill health. He had been ill ever since, and his death was an occurrence of daily expectation. Under no circumstances could he return to the School, and therefore it was proposed to elect some boy to occupy his place.

The Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the election of 12 boys out of a list of 54 candidates was proceeded with.

At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
William Henry Morgan	3368	William Ernest Barker	2626
Frederick Charles Boulter	3151	Irving James Albery	2607
Reginald Herbert Mason	2981	Frederic John Sinkler Broad	2441
William Herbert Hird	2973	Edward John Pitt	2397
Joe Ingram Tolson	2916	Frederick Francis Kelly	2336
Alfred Ernest Payne	2856	Reginald Edwards	2229
UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Charles Irwin Mossop	2145	Ernest Murley	384
Henry Cecil Cheek	2129	Wallace Peter Charles Bosco	372
David William Ewart Cable	2089	Arthur Oswald Crompton	348
Walter Herbert Brown	1914	Arthur Howard Kemp	309
Francis Le Go	1680	Arthur Henry Grimsey	277
Arthur Ernest Davey	1622	Samuel Henry Reginald Fursey	246
George Louis Granville Gallott	1450	George Cannon	179
Charles Ball	1417	Ernest William Nankivell	178
Ewart Gilbert McCoy	1172	Edgar Holmes Burgess	142
Joseph Wood	928	Frederick William John Scott	118
Robert Percy Chinneck	912	William John Jennings	105
Henry James Staff	877	Bertram Elford	84
Francis Peter Turner	850	Clement Siegers	35
Harold Gray	752	Archibald Wallace Campbell	31
Harry Lawrence	748	James Carruthers	17
Vernon Peter Gaches	669	Noel Chandos D'Oyley Foote	11
Charles William Green	613	Martin Roddwell Bastock	8
Stanley Baylis	584	Sydney Hammersley Wakefield	8
Arthur Hughes Crane	552	John Crossman	6
Cyril Courtenay Couch	457	Alexr. Sydenham Sherriff Clunes	1
Samuel Carr	450	Kennerh Kendall	1

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held in the George-street Chapel Schools, Heckmondwike, on the 5th instant, under the banner of the Amphibious Lodge, No. 258. R.W. Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.G. Master presided, and among the P.G. Officers (Present and Past) and brethren present were the following, namely:—

Bros. Henry Smith, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; J. Booth, P.M. 258, P.P.S.G.W., as Prov. S.G.W.; John Ambler, P.M. 974, Prov. J.G.W.; J. Wordsworth, P.M. 1019, P.P.G.W.; R. Arnison, P.M. 296, P.P.G.W.; R. Kelley, P.M. 750, P.P.G.W.; Rev. J. J. Nerdham, P.M. 910, P.P.G.C., as Prov. G.C.; Rev. I. Greenbury, 304, Prov. G.; Rev. B. Town, 61, P.P.G.C.; Rev. G. S. Dunbar, 910, P.P.G.C.; J. W. Fourness, P.M. 1211, Prov. G. Treas.; Chas. L. Mason, P.M. 304, P.P.G. Treas.; T. Ruddock, P.M. 275, P.P.G. Treas.; J. K. Ibberson, P.M. 1102, Prov. G.R.; J. Ibberson, P.M. 1102, P.P.G.R.; J. G. Hutchinson, P.M. 1034, P.P.G.R.; D. A. Shaw, P.M. 87, P.P.G.R.; John E. Craven, P.M. 308, P.P.G.R.; H. G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; Chas. E. Rhodes, P.M. 208, Prov. S.G.D.; J. Foster, P.M. 139, Prov. S.G.D.; G. E. Bennett, P.M. 1239, Prov. J.G.D.; B. P. Parker, P.M. 971, as Prov. G.D.; S. Freeman, P.M. 306, P.P.G.D.; M. Newson, J.P., P.M. 208, P.P.G.D.; G. Normanton, P.M. 448, P.P.G.D.; S. H. Stocks, P.M. 603, P.P.G.D.; F. Whitaker, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.D.; A. Jackson, P.M. 521, P.P.G.D.; W. Harrop, P.M. 290, P.P.G.D.; W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1011, P.P.G.D.; C. I. Rhodes, P.M. 448, P.P.G.D.; R. Craig, P.M. 304, P.P.G.D.; R. W. Williamson, P.M. 521, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Steward, P.M. 380, P.P.G.D.; G. Marshall, P.M. 521, P.P.G.D.; F. Smart, P.M. 1034, P.P.G.D.; T. I. Walker, P.M. 1231, P.P.G.D.; R. V. Allison, P.M. 1042, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Senior, P.M. 264, P.P.G.D.; W. Darling, P.M. 265, P.P.G.D.; R. Castle, P.M. 750, Prov. G.S. of W.; J. Beanland, P.M. 600, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Barker, P.M. 1102, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Winn, P.M. 1211, P.M. 1211, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Lawton, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 1514, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Dobson, P.M. 289, Prov. G.D.C.; T. Denby, P.M. 387, Prov. A.G.D.C.; J. Kaye, P.M. 275, P.P.G.D.C.; H. France, P.M. 1019, P.P.G.D.C.; W. J. Beck, P.M. 289, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Slack, P.M. 910, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Ramsden Riley, P.M. 387, P.P.G.D.C.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M. 1648, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Roberts, P.M. 307, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Manckman, P.M. 1018, P.P.G.D.C.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 408, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Pickles, P.M. 258, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Poppleton, P.M. 827, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Sykes, P.M. 290, P.P.G.D.C.; H. F. Gardiner, P.M. 458, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Stott, P.M. 61, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; J. B. Hargreaves, P.M. 1311, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; H. Wilson, P.M. 458, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; T. M. Holmes, P.M. 1545, Prov. G. Std. Br.; E. Lee, P.M. 401, Prov. G. Std. Br.; T. Myers, P.M. 1042, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Laycock, P.M. 1108, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Ash, 1019, Prov. G. Org.; W. B. Alderson, P.M. 495, P.P.G.D., Prov. A.G. Sec.; Job Haring, P.M. 1542, Prov. G. Purst.; Joseph Cawthorn, P.M. 458, P.A.G. Purst.; J. Richardson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G. Purst.; Geo.

Althorp, P.M. 1018, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Crossley, P.M. 1311, P.P.G. Purst.; Wm. Haigh, P.M. 149, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Hall, P.M. 910, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Cockcroft, P.M. 307, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Wright, P.M. 600, P.P.G. Purst.; F. Smith, P.M. 837; Lewis B. Brierley, P.M. 291; J. W. Turner, P.M. 521; J. Hobson, P.M. 258; and E. Lord, P.M. 910, Prov. G. Stewards; S. Barrand, 304, Prov. G. Tyler; and others.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Bros. Parkinson, Buckley, Gaukroger, Conor, Scarborough, and Jackson, 61; Brittain, Hayes, Binney, and Shaw, 139; Statter and Cadman, 154; Critchley, Fox, and France, 208; Walker and Blake, 242; Pearce, Lowenthal, Keighley, Bottomley, and Robinson, 275; Vickers, 290; Colver, Tasker, Moss, and Maleham, 296; Hill and Broughton, 302; Brownfoot, Bedford, Hill, Tomlinson, and Rickard, 304; Bates, 308; Blackburn, 337; Ramsden, Atherton, and Hopwood, 439; East, 458; Senior, Oxley, and Hartley, 495; Riley, 600; Davis, 810; Tupman, Lukis, Pickersgill, and Davis, 837; Jenkin, Cleaves, and Dickie, 904; Bannister, 971; Evans, Briggs, and Lupton, 974; Harry, 1001; Latimer, 1018; Stanfield, 1019; Gibson, 1042; Bradford, Townsend, Scriven, Crowe, and Youngs, 1211; Critchley, 1214; Kingston, Moore, Pickering, Simonson, Thomas, Holmes, and Garnett, 1239; Marshall, 1283; Asquith, 1302; Turnbull and Billington, 1462; Embleton, Gration, Carter, and Massie, 1513; Silvester and Macvays, 1542; Swithenbank, 1648; Macredie, 1779; Scholfield, 2035; and Smyth, 2069. Visitors: Bros. John E. Le Feuvre, P.G. D., D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec. N. and E. Yorks; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. E.L.; James Terry, P.G. Sec., R.M.B.I., London; James Etchells, P.P.G.R. Norths and Hunts; John Petch and J. G. Cobb, 1471, London; and Sholfield, 267, Chester.

Bros. Thomas Wm. Tew, J.P., Prov. G.M.; Henry Smith, D.P.G.M.; and the Prov. G. Officers entered, and Prov. G. Lodge was opened in due form.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. and the W.D.G.M. were saluted according to ancient form.

The distinguished visitors were individually saluted.

The roll of lodges was called.

The roll of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers was called.

The minutes of the meeting held at Huddersfield on the 30th March, 1887, were presented for confirmation, when it was moved, seconded, and resolved that they be taken as read and confirmed.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. then delivered the following address—

Brethren,—Recent events of an important character to this Empire, and to Freemasonry, in connection with the celebration of the 50th year of the reign of our beloved Queen, have received their consummation in the Metropolis and in every part of her Most Gracious Majesty's dominions since this Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at Huddersfield in March. If any outward sign were wanting amongst Freemasons of the loyal appreciation in which her Majesty and the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, were held, I have only to refer to the marvellous gatherings of the Craft at the Albert Hall, on Monday, the 13th day of June; at St. Peter's, Westminster Abbey, on the 21st June; and at the Exhibition Building at York, on the 14th July, of representatives of the Order from English Provinces and many diverse parts of the World. These Jubilee commemoration gatherings were magnificent and brilliant successes, eclipsing in their grandeur and heartfelt enthusiasm anything of the kind ever before witnessed in this country. From the beginning to the end of these days, was one unalloyed gratification to all who were fortunate enough to be present; and the circumstances in connection with these events have now stamped their impress upon the history of the British Empire, and upon the history of this our County of York, for the year A.L. 5887. For the excellent result in the Albert Hall, we must acknowledge the skilful manipulation of Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Grand Director of Ceremonies; of the Grand Secretary, and V.W. Bro. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes. The resolution of Grand Lodge, when your Provincial Grand Master, as Grand Master, had the honour, on the 7th September, of occupying the chair of Grand Lodge, embodying the thanks of the Craft towards these distinguished brethren for their admirable labours, were well and richly merited. I hope also, to day, that this Provincial Grand Lodge will move an analogous resolution, expressive of our gratitude to Lord Zetland, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire; to the Dean of York, and to the York Lodge, No. 236, for the Jubilee meeting at York, whereby many brethren who could not attend the greater demonstration in London, did avail themselves of this opportunity to attend the Masonic Jubilee Service in York Minster. I awaken your memories to these events to thank every lodge and every brother in West Yorkshire for the generous manner in which you, one and all, supported your Prov. Grand Master and officers on these memorable occasions. So far as West Yorkshire records tell us 60 lodges were represented in London, and 208 brethren. At the York Jubilee meeting, 61 lodges were present from West Yorkshire, represented by 359 brethren, of whom 72 were Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers of this province. Then, again, the occurrence of the Boys' Festival, at the Crystal Palace, on the day immediately following the Albert Hall gathering, you supported me generously as the President of that Festival, at which £11,764 was raised, West Yorkshire contributing the handsome sum of £671, and taking the lead of every other province in the amount of its contributions, and this, too, when we had raised for the Girls £374, and had further pledged ourselves to £2100, as a special Jubilee offering to the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," and a further sum of £826 at its regular February Festival. Bro. Terry is here to-day, and we shall listen to him with attention. I may be allowed to say that, if ever a Chairman of a Festival was entitled to support and indulgence, it was myself on the occasion of the Boys' Festival, because I was called upon suddenly and unexpectedly to fill that delicate and onerous office. Truly did the Most Worshipful the Grand Master say, in the Albert Hall, that "Brotherly love and Charity" are two of the principal tenets of our Order. The former you have exemplified largely towards this office I hold, and the latter to the Charities. Further, I had the honour of transmitting through the Grand Secretary, towards the Prince of Wales' scheme for the "Imperial and Colonial Institute," the sum of £150, and which, I believe, will be considerably augmented before the close of the year from this province. It affords me much pleasure to announce to you that on the 13th June, the M.W. the Grand Master conferred the rank of Past Grand Deacon of England upon Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of this Province, and that of Past Grand Sword Bearer upon Bro. William H. Brittain, who have both done so much for Freemasonry and for the Charities in this province. Following out this precedent, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master submitted a communication on the 7th September to Grand Lodge—"That it is thought proper to suspend Article 87 of the Book of Constitutions" (which Grand Lodge did) Provincial and District Grand Masters desirous of commemorating the Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign, might confer Past, Provincial, or District Grand rank on brethren in their respective provinces or districts. This most gracious communication was extended and adopted in the following manner: viz.: "The number of appointments should be one for every six lodges in the Province or District, where a Province or District contains more than 30 lodges, such special appointments shall be one for every four lodges, with one additional for a broken number." I avail myself to-day of this welcome boon, to recognise the services of most worthy brethren, by conferring Past Prov. Grand rank upon eighteen Past Masters, out of 681 on the roll of the Past Masters of this province. I trust, in the accomplishment of this most difficult and delicate duty, no lodge will excuse the exercise of my prerogative with the slightest bias of partiality of a personal selection. My regret is that I have no power to do more; but, there will be next year, no lodge in West Yorkshire without one Acting or Past Provincial Grand Officer. I must now ask you to allow me to allude to this gathering to-day, by the invitation of the Amphibious Lodge, No. 258. Two applications were made at Huddersfield—one from Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, and the other from 258. Mirfield Lodge is building a new Masonic Hall, a handsome, commodious, and an appropriate building, and will reflect upon its projectors infinite credit. I hope, at an early date, some steps may be taken to inaugurate, in a suitable manner, the opening of the hall. After great consideration, the invitation was accepted to come to Heckmondwike. This lodge, whose warrant was signed by Bro. John Co.ington, on the 15th June, 1786, was opened at the Sutling House Marine Barracks, Devon, August 22nd, 1786, when

James George Power was elected, sworn, and invested the first Worshipful Master. It was established as a Military and Naval Lodge, for the officers of both services, "Land and Water." It appears from the minutes to have been of frequent occurrence, if a person were what is called a "transient" man (permanently on active service) to ballot for, initiate, pass, and raise him on the same evening. Hence, the name of the Lodge Amphibious. As a Yorkshire Lodge, the Amphibious date only from 2nd May, 1804. I had hoped to-day to celebrate here the 100th year, or the Centenary of the working of this old lodge, but nothing can be done until the year 1903, it being evident from the lodge minute books, and the Grand Lodge registers, that Amphibious ceased to exist in 1792, and that previous to, or in 1803, some Yorkshire brethren got hold of the books and G.L. warrant and started what was virtually a new lodge, with an entirely new set of members. Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire met on the 2nd May, 1803, to consecrate and dedicate this lodge at the lodge room, at the Shear's Inn, Hightown, when Bro. John Binns was the Worshipful Master. Grand Lodge books go back to about 1740, and show No. 258 from the year 1786 to 1792 only, and from 1803 to 1887 as a new lodge. Amphibious finally settled in its present place of meeting on 27th March, 1850, and the last time Prov. Grand Lodge visited this place was on the 2nd January, 1861. I mention these facts to show the importance and the necessity of lodges carefully preserving their minute books and ancient documentary records. This is the sixth time that Amphibious Lodge has received this Provincial Grand Lodge. It has 61 members on its roll, 24 of whom are P.M.'s, only two other lodges in this province exceeding this number. We cordially acknowledge therefore the labours of the W.M., Bro. A. Macauley, and his officers for the preparation they have made for the conduct of the business of this Prov. Grand Lodge to-day. We wish this lodge a continuation of prosperity and perpetuity, both on "land and water," and fervently trust that in 1903 it may enjoy its centenary from an unbroken continuity of working since 1803, and give proof of its uninterrupted existence for one hundred years, in accordance with the Book of Constitution.

Having referred to the meeting of the Charity Committee of the Province held at Halifax on the 24th September, and having quoted "ex parte" certain important statistics compiled by Bro. Col. Clerke, showing the progress made by our several Charitable Institutions from their foundation till the present time, the Prov. G. Master continued his address as follows:—

With this financial and numerical increase in our Charities, the number of lodges have also multiplied by 1565 during the same Jubilee period and since the year 1875, when his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales became Grand Master of the Craft, 682 lodges have been established, being nearly 40 more than existed altogether at the accession of her Most Gracious Majesty, in 1837. These figures illustrate in some degree the loyalty, the brotherly love, and Charity of Freemasons, and I hope the next 50 years will exhibit, in these respects, a corresponding progression in magnitude of the Freemasons of England, and that of West Yorkshire will be in the van with its sympathies for the Charities, and its generosity and loyalty, as it has shown itself during this past brilliant period of our Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria's glorious reign. Briefly, brethren, I have awakened in your memories Masonic progress in this country. It is representative of the "loyalty and Charity" of our Order. It is for us to work out the perfection of Masonry "when wars shall cease, and art shall prosper, and science thrive," and when trade and manufactures and agriculture, represented by personal activity, shall reach their triumphant consummation by turning the "whole human race into one vast lodge, and made every man a brother." And may this gracious lady who sits upon the throne of England—

"Through all this tract of years,
Wearing the white flower of a blameless life
In that fierce light which beats upon a throne."

Who has witnessed so many changes, without lessening the esteem and affection of her subjects, long continue to govern a united, prosperous, and contented people, is the fervent aspiration to-day of every brother in this large gathering of the Craft, forming the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of West Yorkshire, so

"May each day better other's happiness
Until the heavens envying the Earth's good-hap,
Add an immortal title to your Crown,"

is the prayer of your Provincial Grand Master.

The D.P.G.M. in replying to his salutation, gave the brethren some very excellent advice.

Moved by Bro. J. K. IBBERSON, P.M. 1102, Prov. G. Registrar; seconded by Bro. JOHN BOOTH, P.M. 258, D.P.G.W., and resolved:—

"That the best thanks of this Prov. Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby given, to the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. Grand Master; to Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Past Grand Warden, W.D.P.G.M. of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire; and to the Very Reverend the Dean of York, V.W. Bro. A. Purey Cust, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain; and the Worshipful Master and Officers of the York Lodge, No. 236, for their very able and efficient arrangements at York, on Thursday, the 14th July, A.L. 5887, for the Masonic Celebration of the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen."

Bro. M. C. PECK, Prov. G. Sec. N. & E. Y., briefly thanked the brethren for the vote of thanks.

The TREASURER to the "Jubilee Presentations Fund" stated that there was £1424 in the Bank to the credit of the Fund, and there were promises amounting to £350, which, together with the donations from Prov. G. Lodge and Chapter, would bring it up to within £10 of the amount required. Moved by the CHAIRMAN of the Charity Committee, seconded by the VICE-CHAIRMAN, and resolved, that authority be given to the Treasurer to pay the Thousand Guineas when the agreement for the First Presentation is executed, and the Second in like manner on its completion; and that permission be obtained from the Trustees to fix a Brass Memorial Tablet in the Hall of the Institution at Croydon, the cost to be defrayed by Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Past Grand Swd. Br., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, returned thanks for his hearty reception and salutation, and in thanking the brethren for the gift of the two presentations, said he felt sure the Trustees would give permission to have the above-named tablet fixed in the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN of the Charity Committee said, that at the elections in April and May they had been successful in electing all their candidates, viz., one girl, four boys (including one presented), one male, and four widows. The list of candidates for October election showed one girl and four boys. He cordially thanked the brethren and Charity members for so punctually sending in their voting papers. He asked the R.W. Prov. Grand Master to suspend Provincial By-law No. 27, and he having complied, moved that the following grants for relief be made, viz., Bro. J. L., 439, £10; Mrs. E. M., 290, £20; and J. L., 458, £25.

Bro. HARROP seconded the motions, and they were carried.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M., having granted the privilege to Prov. Grand Masters of conferring Past Prov. Grand rank to a limited number of brethren, the Prov. Grand Master proceeded to make the appointments.

An invitation was received from the three Wakefield Lodges to hold the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge under their joint banners in April, 1888. The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER said he would give it his consideration, and acquaint the brethren of his decision at an early date.

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form. Dinner was provided at the Masonic Hall, Market-street, at which about 80 brethren sat down, the R.W. Prov. G. Master presiding.

CENTENARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

We are well used to Centennials and even Sesqui-Centennials, Masonically speaking, in this country, but though such Assemblies and Commemorations are not strangers to us, each one as it arises appears to have some peculiar history of its own, which renders the observance of the event a matter for congratulation, and sometimes for enduring memorials being instituted.

One of the most important of late years has been the celebration, in 1886, of the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and in this country several lodges have taken the opportunity of observing similar anniversaries, such as No. 37, Bolton, in 1882, No. 41, Bath, and No. 43, Birmingham, in 1883, &c. The Sesqui-Centennial of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1867, appears to have passed away without any commemoration whatever! Such an oversight would not occur in the United States, as High Festivals suitable to the special circumstances of each event would be sure to receive general sympathy and hearty support.

The latest of these celebrations, held in May, 1887, of the Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, has been duly described, first of all, in a capital volume devoted to an account of the Proceedings on May 12th, and another volume dealing with the "Semi-Annual Communication" of the Grand Lodge, on that day, and the 10th and 11th immediately preceding; advance sheets of which have reached me, through the kind attentions of General T. J. Shryock, M.W.G.M.

I should like to give my brethren in this country some idea of the character and extent of the proceedings, so fitly portrayed in the two handsomely printed books before me, and especially so, because the Grand Master and moving spirit of the great Celebration has so recently been on a visit, and also the honoured guest of the "Anglo-American Lodge," London, the "Eboracum Lodge," No. 1611, York, and other Masonic Bodies, who are always to the fore when distinguished brethren from "across the Big Pond" desire to see a little, at least, of English Lodge life whilst sojourners in this country. To my mind, the truly Masonic action of the "Anglo-American Lodge" and the York Lodges in so warmly welcoming our American Visitors, from time to time, is a prominent feature of late years, which is deserving of special recognition by our Masonic authorities, and neither should the more private, but none the less hospitable, receptions tendered under similar circumstances by Brothers George Kenning and Colonel MacLiver be allowed to pass unrecorded.

One thing, at all events, is clear, that the Craft in the Old Country will fail in its duty unless suitable opportunities are embraced to practically illustrate the fact of the oneness of Freemasonry, the cosmopolitan character of our Society, and particularly the bond that exists between the English-speaking Grand Lodges throughout the world.

On May 10th, 1887, the Grand Lodge of Maryland held its 201st stated communication, having met semi-annually during the past hundred years. General Shryock, M.W.G.M., delivered a stirring address of welcome, in which he remarked that—

Our existence began April 17th, 1787. It is our privilege to celebrate this crowning anniversary of 1887. One hundred years! What a contrast since a few earnest men came together to organise this Grand Lodge. What a contrast between the two assemblies—the small and homely meeting of that day, and the great assemblage here to-night! What a difference between the quaint little lodge room in a country town, one hundred years ago, to the splendid temple of to-day—erected to God and dedicated to universal beneficence! What a difference in the surroundings—a sparsely settled State, which had not recovered from the exhaustion of war then, to a Commonwealth teeming with commerce, industry, and wealth now. . . . The ceremonies that we follow at this communication, bridging the vast chasm of one hundred years to honour the men who started this Grand Lodge, will be repeated one hundred years hence by good men and true in commemoration of our display. Like a benediction over our graves will they search down through the century to us, as we search through the century gone to the memories behind us. . . . All has been changed save the eternal landmarks that point to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. These are eternal, and will go on through the new centuries before us, as they have come through the century back. It is for us to do our present duty in transmitting them from the one to the other, with gratitude to Almighty God for the inestimable privilege of being present at this glorious epoch, and being the honoured participants in this notable anniversary.

A characteristic letter from our esteemed Masonic veteran, Bro. Brackstone Baker (who is the accredited Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland—as also some 15 others!), was read by the Grand Secretary, in which our good brother the present W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge wrote most appreciatively of the magnificent style of the patent of his appointment, which, however, he considered was "exceeded" by the sentiment of Brotherhood and of interchange of fraternal good feelings, of which the document is the evidence.

The Grand Master's racy and most Statesmanlike account of his Stewardship left nothing to be desired in that respect, and we may be assured that his numerous official visitations in all parts of the State have been the means of increasing the interest of the members of the lodges thus favoured in the prosperity of their Grand Lodge. In America there are no Provincial Grand Masters, with Provincial Grand Lodges such as we have in England, so that unless when the period has arrived for inspection by their Deputy District Grand Masters—who hold no District or Provincial Grand Lodges such as in this country—the numerous lodges grouped within Districts have little practical knowledge of the dignity and character of the Grand Lodge Officers, save and except when Grand Masters do their duty by going in largely for official visitations. A great deal of the narrative of the Grand Master's doings reads quite strangely to our ears, but it must not be forgotten that in the United States the Grand Master is practically the President and the "Board of General Purposes," and in like manner the "Colonial Board," besides doing the work of the Grand Registrar! His decisions are reviewed by the Grand Lodge, it is true, but, as a matter of fact, all the questions which come before our two Boards, and are dealt with by a number of responsible brethren, are in the States entirely attended to and decided upon by the Grand Masters, between the Grand Lodge Meetings.

Mention was made by the Grand Secretary of his receipt from Colonel Clerke, "by command of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, of a most beautiful gold jewel, with the request that Grand Master Shryock be properly invested with the same, as the badge of his office." I have seen the jewel, and consider it both artistically and Masonically a work of art, and I know that the Grand Master is proud to wear the decoration as Representative in Maryland from the Grand Lodge of England.

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cheques are preferred, the former payable to GEORGE KENNING,
Chief Office, London, the latter crossed London Joint Stock Bank.**To Correspondents.**BRO. JAMES NEWTON, of Bolton, writes to say that the
warrant of No. 37 (given by Bro. Hughan last week, in his
interesting series of old warrants) was traced over from a
supposed copy, but a careful examination by him with a
magnifying glass reveals the fact that the year originally
was 1732 (not 1731), as Bro. Hughan says it should be. It
should be Lancaster, not Lancashire, in transcript of the
warrant. Bro. Hughan promises we shall shortly have a
transcript of No. 42, Bury, and also No. 41, Bath.Among contributions held over owing to press of matter
are: "THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITU-
TION FOR GIRLS FROM ITS ORIGIN 1788 TO ITS CEN-
TENARY 1888."CRAFT—
Old England Lodge, No. 1790.INSTRUCTION—
Creton Lodge, No. 1791.
Emulation Lodge, No. 299.
Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.
Loughborough Lodge.District Grand Lodge of Malta.
Masonic Reception of the Pro Grand Master of Natal.**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**"Sunday Times" (London), "Lancaster Daily Examiner,"
"Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Die Bauhütte," "Sunday
Times" (New York), "New York Dispatch," "Keystone,"
"Masonic World" (Boston), "Jewish Chronicle," "Court Cir-
cular," "Western Morning News," "Masonic Journal" (Mel-
bourne), "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Masonic Review,"
"Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine," "Allen's Indian
Mail," "Citizen," "New Zealand Freemason," "Effective
Advertiser," "Liberal Freemason," "Guernsey Advertiser," "La
Chaine D'Union," "Organists' Quarterly Journal," "Freimaurer-
Zeitung," and "Cape Times."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1887.

Original Correspondence.[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of
the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit
of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free
discussion.]**BROWNE'S MASONIC MASTER KEY.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Will any member of the Craft kindly let me know,
through you, if he is in possession of the "Browne's
Masonic Master Key." I have come across an edition of
this book, published from 62, Snow-hill, Nov. 1st, 1802, and
should like to turn it to some account.—Yours fraternally,
X. Y. Z.**THE INSTITUTIONS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In reply to "Zeta's" comment on the context to
my analysis of the Benevolent Institutions incomings and
outgoings, September 17th (and which context is applicable
to the forthcoming analysis of the Girls' and Boys') I can
only say that I must have put my letter together very badly
for him to have so misconstrued it. Let us see if I can put
it in plainer language. Granted, that the rich provinces
should help the poorer, that Masonry is not a benefit
Society in the usual acceptance of the term, and that its
Charities are as they should be, universal; my contention is
that a province which supports kindred Institutions of its
own, must have the necessary funds which should first of
all be utilised in meeting the obligations it is already to the
patent Institutions, and that it is most unfair to ignore its
own responsibilities by throwing them on the mercy of
other provinces; that such provinces should be "just before
they are generous at the expense of others," "they should
be off with the old love before they are on with the new."
Our Institutions are open to all duly qualified claimants
under the English Constitution, whether at home or abroad,
and their doors are wide open to help those who cannot
help themselves. And the true Mason will never begrudge
their assistance, but when provinces who prove their ability
by their other actions, persistently refuse year after year,
to aid and assist, then I say it is an unfair tax on the
generosity of the sister provinces. Nine months ago I
suggested to some brethren, in a town of one of the poorest
of provinces, which is yearly receiving large benefits from
the parent Institutions and give little or nothing in return,
that they should start an association, which they have done,
at sixpence per week, and the result is already some £50
or £60 to the Institutions, thereby showing their willingness
to contribute, and I believe it only requires this example to
be followed all over the kingdom to increase largely the
power and means of doing good. Having written this
without "Zeta's" letter before me, and only from memory,
I cannot answer his criticism so carefully as I could wish,
but have done my best to try and explain the meaning of
my former letter.—Yours fraternally,
October 12th. J. 174.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I have read the letter by "Zeta" in your issue of
the 1st inst. with much interest. I belong to a province
which has not many votes for the Institutions, and while I
am almost a novice at working the few Charity votes the
province has, I am sagacious enough to be on the look out
for some means by which I can get considerably more voting
power for the benefit of our candidates than at present I
am able to control without paying any more money, and as
"Zeta" knows of a province that is managing this, for he
says "and there is one province I could name with over a
score of lodges which for years past has done but little for
the Institutions, and yet has received much from them." I
venture to ask him, through your columns, if he will kindly
put me in communication with this clever province, or
better still, explain the trick, that I may know how to get
votes without money, for this is what his statement amounts
to.—Yours fraternally,
ZETETES.**AN EXPLANATION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I should like just to add a few words to Bro.
Gould's most incisive article on "English Authors and
American Pirates," not with any idea of assisting him, as
he is well able to take care of himself, and has proved that
the late Bro. T. C. Jack was quite willing to arrange
with Bro. J. C. Yorston for the issue of the "History of
Freemasonry" in the United States, had, what he con-
sidered, suitable terms been offered.I write simply to state that my consent to the use of my
name in connection with the unauthorised edition of Bro.
Gould's great work has neither been sought nor given, nor
indeed of any reprint, as Bro. Gould is the author.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Bro. George Shaw, Chairman of the Bridge
House Estates Committee, has issued invitations for a
dinner at the Albion to-day (Friday) to meet Bro. the
Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Major and Sheriff
Davies, and Bro. Sheriff W. A. Higgs.The City of London parochial Charity property
has been ascertained to produce an income of nearly
£108,000 per annum, of which about £40,000 per annum
comes into the category of ecclesiastical Charity property,
and £68,000 of general Charity property. Schemes are
to be prepared for the application of the money in accord-
ance with the Act of Parliament made in 1883.**OLD WARRANTS.**Is Bro. Hughan correct in supposing the oldest original
warrant preserved in England is of the year 1732? (viz.,
No. 39, Exeter.) I consider the publication of these old
warrants a good idea, and suggest that those who have, or
know of, any of value should communicate with Bro.
Hughan thereon. Is it really a fact that all the charters
issued for country lodges from 1725 to 1731 have all dis-
appeared, just as the lodges have? If so, it is a surprising
fact, for on looking over Bro. John Lane's great work—
"Masonic Records"—I find that very many were started
in one city and another, of which no trace scarcely seems
to be left. We are all much indebted to Bro. John Lane
for such a magnificent volume, and now we want another
volume to contain copies of all the old warrants?

MASONIC STUDENT, No. 2.

[We shall be very pleased to do all we can to assist in
the publication of really old warrants, and any lodges in
England desiring copies of Bro. Lane's "Masonic
Records" can have them from the office of the Freemason
direct, at the published price, viz., £1 11s. 6d., carriage
free.]**LODGE DEACONS.**When did Deacons first take their duties as such, and
be appointed in lodges under the "Moderns?" According
to Bro. Gould, the Masonic Historian, that office was
peculiar to the "Ancients," being "unknown to the older
Grand Lodge of England until the union." The title is
met with in the "Atholl" Records so early as 1752-3, and
still earlier in Ireland and Scotland. Evidently, however,
the custom of appointing Deacons was not confined to
the "Ancients" until the union was consummated, as it will
be found that "Modern" lodges followed the same plan
late last century at all events. Take, for instance, the
Lodge of "Fidelity," Leeds. On 1st October, 1792 (so
Bro. Scarth, W.M. 289, tells me) there were present the
Master and other officers duly named, including the "S.D."
and "J.D.," and I know this minute is not the only one
of the kind of that period. Who knows of earlier instances?
ENQUIRER.**MALTA.**Bro. Speth's note is valuable and interesting. It proves
the great importance of careful examination of all that
comes to hand. In reference to the place of meeting of the
lodge, designated in the English lists "St. John's Lodge
of Secrecy and Harmony," Bro. A. M. Broadley's "His-
tory of Freemasonry in the District of Malta" gives an
extract from a statement by Bro. Waller Rodwell Wright,
the P.G.M. of Malta, written about 1817, in which, after
stating that the warrant of the Lodge No. 539 was then in
his possession, he says: "The meetings of the lodge were
not openly avowed, but were held without any precaution
for concealment at a place called Sa Maison," and Bro.
Broadley adds: "Bro. Wright goes on to say that the
rooms at Sa Maison bear no traces of their use for Masonic
purposes." Does not this imply the existence of a distinct
building bearing this peculiar designation: and as such it
is evidently referred to in Muir's "Masonic Almanac for
Malta" (1849), quoted by Bro. Broadley, who further says
"The locality of Sa Maison is indicated as the site of this
lodge." I think it probable that Sa Maison (although in
its general interpretation meaning "his house") must have
been used to denote some definite building, well known
locally under that name. Perhaps some brother at Malta
could throw more light on the subject.

JNO. LANE.

748]I am informed, on excellent authority, that in my note
742 I have labelled the Grand Secretary of 1788, who was in
this instance most correct in his statements. I will not
attempt to excuse myself, but make the *amende honorable*
by quoting from my correspondent's letter. He says:
"Sa Maison is the name—still existing—for a well-known
house and grounds, situated (to the best of my recollection)
a little outside the main fortifications, and just beyond the
Florianna outworks and barracks, and overlooking the
quarantine harbour. Before the Florianna works were
built it must have been a very quiet and secluded place
for the lodge to meet at, quite out of sight of, and more than
a mile from, the palace of the Grand Masters, and nearly
as far from any of the Auberges of the Knights."

G. W. SPETH.

SA MAISON.Bro. Speth may be interested to know that Sa Maison
was originally the country seat of the Grand Master of
Malta, and in 1825-6-7 was the summer residence of the
then Governor, the Marquess of Hastings, better known,
Masonically, as "Lord Moira," and was occupied by the
general officer in command of the garrison. The writer of
this note lived there up to 1828 from 1825.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Grand Master Shryock, of Maryland, is ex-
pected home from Europe about October 6th inst., when
the Fraternity in Baltimore will give him a welcome which
will be enjoyable to him, and a credit to themselves.—
Keystone.The greater portion of the £12,000 which the
Clothworkers devote every year to technical education is
spent in Yorkshire, the seat of the cloth-weaving industry.
Formerly the cloth trade had its headquarters in London,
but when the mills were removed to Yorkshire the Cloth-
workers followed with their available moneys. The prac-
tice generally followed by the court is to assist every insti-
tute where technical classes are organised, and when new
buildings are erected for this purpose a grant of 10 per
cent. to the total cost of the building is voted, in addition
to a liberal donation towards the yearly expenses of
management.

REPORTS OF LATE MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE (No. 72).—On Monday, the 3rd instant, the first meeting of the winter season, of this ancient lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, and there were a large assemblage of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. There being present Bro. C. R. Williams, W.M., P.M.'s Bros. F. Dunn, Treas.; A. Darch, Sec.; J. N. Bate, E. Walker, N. Turner; Bros. M. E. Stokes, S.W.; W. E. Abraham, J.W.; J. W. Braund, S.D.; W. R. Russell, J.D.; J. Reid, I.G.; J. Braham, A.D.C.; W. Lloyd, Stwd.; E. W. Lewcock, Asst. Sec.; W. Koolman, E. Williams, J. R. Cotterell, G. Horton, C. F. Williams, J. H. Morris, W. Smith, F. H. Williams, Diney Rooke, T. H. Fairhead, E. Weekly, T. Marshall, and S. Alderton. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Hartley, W.M., 1986; Hernaman, W.M. elect, 1639; E. Partridge, P.M., 1686; R. Brown, S.D.; J. Welch, 1558; J. Cook, 907; J. Osmond, F. H. Stephens, J. Olver, 879; and E. Edbrook.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. G. Norman was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. Taylor was passed to the Degree of F.C., after which Bro. H. Victor Lloyd, and Mr. George Body, proposed at the previous meeting, were balloted for, and the ballot proving unanimous, and those gentlemen being in attendance, they were initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., in his usually impressive manner. The W.M. rose for the first and for the second time, and brought before the notice of the brethren the case of Samuel Carr, the son of a deceased Past Master of the lodge, was a candidate at the ensuing election of the Masonic Institution for Boys, and urged upon the brethren to do all in their power to assist the lad's case, as his chances of election were somewhat narrowed by his having almost reached the limit of age before being placed on the list of candidates. To further assist the lad, the W.M. announced his intention of going up as Steward at the forthcoming Festival, and invited the brethren to assist him in making his list a good one. Bro. Dunn, P.M. and Treasurer, proposed, Bro. N. Turner, P.M., seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the sum of £10 10s. be placed on the W.M.'s list as a contribution from the lodge. Bro. A. Darch, P.M., and Secretary, then gave a notice of motion. That the W.M. be presented with the gold jewel celebrating the Jubilee year. The motion to come on at the next meeting. The name of a gentleman was also proposed for initiation, the motion also to come on at the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Lower Hall of the Hotel, in which refreshments were served. The Dinner was served in that capital manner for which Anderton's is famed, and grace having been pronounced by the W.M., Bro. C. R. Williams, he proposed briefly, but in well chosen terms, "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with musical honours, and was followed by the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of English Freemasons," drunk enthusiastically and also with musical honours.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" followed next, after which Bro. Bate, P.M., rose and proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the heartiness which they always received the toast of his health. He was always inclined to say a great deal; but felt that it should be his duty to set the example of brevity. He felt flattered by the eulogiums which had been passed upon his working, and felt also that they were a credit to his endeavours to fill the chair of K.S. in a manner which would reflect dignity upon the lodge and its working. To discharge the heavy duties of the lodge in which the three Degrees had been worked for several meetings continuously, a large measure of preparation was needed, and when he told them that with the exception of one evening, which he had spent writing to brethren to bring before them the case of the son of Bro. Watson Carr, P.M., he had spent every evening of the previous week at lodges of instruction, they would know that their Master was striving to render his year of office as perfect as possible.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Visitors" followed.

The Worshipful Master next rose and proposed "The Health of the Initiates," in which he welcomed the advent of the two Apprentices who had that evening joined the lodge, and duly impressed them with the dignity and high importance of the trust they had undertaken that evening.

The toast was drunk with a splendid "fire."

Bro. Harry Victor Lloyd rose and responded, thanking the brethren for their heartiness in drinking his health, for his part, he had been highly impressed with the ceremony of his initiation, and with the discussion which had followed with respect to what seemed to him to be the principal tenet of the Craft, namely, Charity. It was encouraging to a young Mason to find immediately upon his initiation to find the members in consultation as to the best means of doing good for the family of one who had long been among them. He hoped to ascend in the Craft, which he had long hoped to join, and having joined, was proud to belong to, now that he had been initiated into its mysteries, and he looked forward to a day when he might preside at the board on which he was that evening a junior member.

Bro. George Body replied also in similar terms, alluding to Bro. Lloyd's happy expressions, which conveyed his own sentiments.

The toasts of "The Visitors" and "Officers" came next, and was duly responded to, after which the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close. The toasts were interspersed with some excellent singing by Bros. F. Stephens, Edbrook, F. H. Williams, C. F. Williams, and Hartley. Bro. J. Finister presided at the organ in lodge, and at the piano afterwards.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when the following were present: Bros. H. W.

Blake, W.M.; J. G. Doncaster, S.W.; A. Williams, acting J.W.; G. F. Butt, Treas.; H. Purdew, Sec.; E. Lucas, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; A. Williams, D.C.; H. F. Williams, I.G.; W. W. Williams and E. Newland, Stds.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; E. Mallet, P.M., acting Tyler; H. Shaw, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; C. Barker, P.M.; W. J. Bowles, E. Perrett, H. J. Mayhew, H. Pinn, J. T. Hall, M. R. Rice, J. R. Ward, H. Scharien, J. R. Ward, jun., H. S. May, G. Eason, W. E. Purdew, Hardwick, J. Worth, H. R. Spooner, C. J. Chambers, S. E. Hollands, H. Hewett, A. Arahams, W. Iredale, R. Philips, R. S. Cartwright, J. F. Cliburn, J. Hedges, A. White, J. C. Morgan, Broadbridge, W. E. Barker, and W. G. Boyes. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Harrington, W.M. 1000; G. Bott, 150; J. R. Morgan, 209; and H. H. Hughes, P.M. 1556.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Pinn was passed to the Second Degree, after which the new by-laws were read and distributed. Ballot was taken for Messrs. H. Spencer and R. Gerbert, which proved unanimous in their favour; a candidate was also proposed for initiation. This lodge promises to be well represented at the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, as over 30 names were given to the Secretary on his application for a good representation of the lodge on this important Festival, when it is expected the M.W.G.M. will preside. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served up in good style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Blake, in returning thanks for the very courteous way in which his health had been proposed and accepted, and expressed in a very feeling manner his great regret that his health had deterred him from rendering that amount of service as W.M. that his heart would desire.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were greatly enhanced by songs from several of the brethren.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst. at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. C. Fisher, the chair was taken by Bro. E. George, P.M., Sec. The other P.M.'s present were Bros. J. E. Walford, W. Gray, J. Lovell, and T. Hastings Miller. There were also present the following visitors:—Bros. G. J. Pope, W.M. 1364; T. Taylor, 1677; H. B. May, 1237; S. Walford, 569; J. C. Jones, Org. 1364; Pécians, 2060; R. P. Atkins, P.M. 55; J. Roberts, 1607; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. Wilson, P.M. 1155; H. M. Vyart, Sec. 1741; A. J. Dottridge, P.M. 172; T. Carroll, 749; and T. B. Newell, 1106.

The only work before the lodge was the installation of the W.M., and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Gray, P.M., presented to Bro. George Bro. Henry Patient, S.W., and W.M. elect, whereupon Bro. George in capital style performed the ceremony, and placed Bro. Henry Patient in the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren invested as officers were Bros. S. Patient, S.W.; B. G. Poulton, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treasurer; E. George, P.M., Secretary; R. J. Clack, S.D.; T. Dutton, J.D.; J. H. Clare, I.G.; T. B. Pugh, Director of Ceremonies; H. Youngs, W.S.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses by Bro. George, Bro. Walford, Treas., proposed, and Bro. T. Hastings Miller, P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. E. George, P.M. and Sec., for the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The motion was carried unanimously, and Bro. George acknowledged the compliment in graceful terms.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet. After banquet the toasts were proposed.

Bro. George, P.M., proposed "The W.M." He said he was sorry the I.P.M. was not performing that duty, because that toast should always be proposed by the I.P.M. Nevertheless, he was glad to have the opportunity of proposing the health of Bro. Patient, because it was only in words of praise that he could speak of him. Bro. H. Patient had been connected with that lodge the last 12 years. His absence from its meetings had been the exception to the rule; he had been almost always present; he had done everything he could for the benefit of the lodge and for Freemasonry. He had commenced at the bottom of the ladder, and he had now taken the position of W.M. It must be gratifying to him, as it was to the brethren of the lodge to see him there. They knew he would be an efficient Master, and it would be a subject of gratification to him and a satisfaction to the brethren.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he knew he was not deserving of quite so much as had been said of him; but still whatever he put his hand to he endeavoured to do perfectly, or as well as he possibly could. He had some bright and good examples set him by the P.M.'s, and it would be his aim as far as he could to follow their footsteps, so that in his future duties in the lodge he might be a credit to himself and the lodge, and be esteemed by the brethren. It had been his ambition for some years to occupy the proud position he held that evening; but his health failed him on three or four occasions; otherwise he should have passed the chair some years previously. However, he occupied it now, and he thanked the brethren for electing him to preside over them. He trusted that during his term of office some of the brethren would endeavour to give him a little work. He would like to do some work in the lodge, and, however imperfectly he did it, he hoped the brethren would be pleased with it.

In proposing "The Installing Master," the W.M. said any one who was privileged to be in lodge must have been delighted to see they had a P.M. of the lodge who could instal his successor in the way the ceremony had been performed that evening. It was a credit to Bro. George, and he thought it would be a pattern to some of the brethren who went into the chair in the future to try what they could do to follow in the footsteps of Bro. George.

Bro. Edwin George, in reply, said it gave him great gratification to see how hearty the brethren were in acknowledging what little he had done for the lodge. He could not take any credit to himself for the installation ceremony, because there were three P.M.'s of the lodge who could do it as well, or even better. Still, it was something to be able to set an example to brethren who were coming on. He should like to see every Master instal his successor, and he hoped they would endeavour to do that. He was sure many members were coming on who would make equally good Masters as their predecessors, and perhaps better.

To the toast of "The Visitors," the four visitors, who were P.M.'s responded in brief terms, congratulating the W.M. on having attained the chair, and the lodge on having such a brother as Bro. George to perform the installation ceremony.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters," regretting the absence of Bro. Fisher, I.P.M. He hoped, however, the evening would not pass over without drinking his very good health and safe return to his native shore.

Bro. Walford said the P.M.'s had stood by the lodge 14 years and endeavoured to keep it in existence. The lodge was never in a more prosperous state than it was at present, and the P.M.'s had had something to do with that.

Bro. T. Hastings Miller said, as the second oldest P.M. of the lodge, he felt very thankful to find the lodge was progressing. It was not only more prosperous financially than it had been before, but it was better worked. The example set by Bro. George would be taken to heart by brethren who were coming on as W.M.'s. He must say he liked to see Masters instal their successors. It was just as easy to undertake that duty as initiate, pass, and raise a candidate. He was afraid a good many W.M.'s shirked the work because it was some trouble, but he thought if it was looked on as an honour they would not shirk it.

Bro. Lovell also expressed his thanks.

Bro. W. Gray assured the brethren that the P.M.'s had the interests of the lodge at heart, and always would have.

Bro. E. George thought he could not do better than adopt what the other P.M.'s had said.

Bro. W. Gray, P.M., proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," said the Treasurer had been several times out of pocket in order to cover the expenses, but now he had money in hand. As regarded the Secretary, they could have no better man than Bro. George, who was W.M., Sec., Installing Master, and everything else, and whose ability they had all heard that evening.

Bro. Walford, Treasurer, said he had been a member of the lodge 14 years, and 12 of those he had been Treasurer, and no one in the room could say that during that time he had neglected his duty. He had endeavoured faithfully to discharge the duties of the office he held, and the brethren had thought fit to confirm that opinion by re-electing him year by year. He felt rather happy in that position. There was very little to do. There was all the money to take care of when there was any, which there was now. Sometimes they had been in low water, but that time happily had passed, and the W.M. had dealt rather freely with the brethren that night, knowing at the audit that there was a little in hand. Possibly he thought they must not trust the Treasurer because he gave no security. He hoped that now they would continue to have money in hand, for the Treasurer ought not to be called upon to put his hand in his private pocket, though he was always willing to do so. But he wished them distinctly to understand that while he was their Treasurer, whether they had funds or not, nothing should deter him from letting them have the enjoyment which was their due on occasions like this. He hoped he should live 12 years longer, and that he should be their Treasurer all the time.

Bro. George said he had not been Secretary of the lodge as many years as Bro. Walford had been its Treasurer, but he had been Secretary several years. He had seen it in very low water, but he saw it now, he hoped, on the flood tide of prosperity. Two years ago, in 1885, it numbered 25 members altogether, and some of those were doubtful, and some had since been expunged from the list of members, and some were dead. At that time the lodge had a balance against it of £40 19s. In two years they had added 20 members, and had carried forward at each of those two years a balance. This year they had a balance in hand of £30 18s. 9d. That was very gratifying, as it showed what energy and perseverance could do. He was not taking any credit to himself, but he might say that Bro. Gray had brought in 12 or 14 members, and had converted a deficit of £40 into a balance of £14 or £15. There was £30 now at the bankers. He thought credit should be given where it was due, and it was due to Bro. Gray. He hoped this state would be the precursor of a long continued period of prosperity.

Bro. Walford, Treasurer, wished to add a word. He hoped the officers of the lodge would, during the ceremonies, give the questions and answers in such a way that the whole of the lodge might hear what they said. It was for the interest of the lodge that this practice should be observed.

Bro. Hastings Miller proposed "The Press," to which Bros. Newall and Massey responded.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Officers," said he was pleased indeed to inform the brethren that he had a son who was the S.W., and he hoped when the time did come round that by the suffrages of the lodge he might occupy the chair of K.S. The J.W., he trusted, like others, would follow the footsteps of his predecessors, till at last one and all of the officers would ultimately occupy the position of W.M. He knew they were all anxious to make themselves qualified for the position, and when they did it would be a credit to them and to himself.

Bro. S. Patient, S.W., said he felt very greatly the honour conferred upon him of S.W. It had given him peculiar pleasure to have that honour conferred upon him by his father. He would do all in his power during his year of office to make the lodge as successful as possible. He looked forward to the time when by the suffrages of the brethren he might occupy the chair of W.M., when he should trust to do the work of the lodge with satisfaction to the brethren and credit to himself.

The J.W., S.D., J.D., I.G., D.C., and W.S., also replied.

Bro. Hastings Miller proposed "Bro. Hoskins, the Organist," and the W.M. proposed "The Lay Members," which were responded to respectively by Bros. Hoskins and Harris, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which had been during the whole evening most enjoyable.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).

—The first meeting of this lodge for the season was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, 5th inst. Present: Bros. A. H. Strong, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Wing, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Harding, S.D.; Sandalls, J.D.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Windsor, Assist. Org.; Coombes, Stwd.; Oliver, I.G.; Walkeley, Tyler; Pardue, P.M.; Whitley, P.M.; and Mansell, P.M., and about 20 members. Among the visitors were Bros. Williams, 1767; Godson, 1362; Wood, 1642; Hyham, 1011; Bell, 1557; Domiton, 204; Weise, 1446; Andrews, 177; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Godwin, Stern, Jamieson, Gordon, Green, and Baker were passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was taken for the following gentlemen—Messrs. A. W. Kettle, Lieut. J. M. Croker, Robt. Cunningham, and Geo. Steeden, and the ballot proving in their favour they were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry in a most impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. Williams, S.W., proposed, and Bro. Wing, J.W., seconded, that a Jubilee commemoration jewel be presented to the W.M., as an acknowledgment of his representing the lodge at the Royal Albert Hall. This was carried with acclamation, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

Owing to the amount of work got through, it was quite eight o'clock before the brethren could assemble round the banquet board, and after the menu (prepared by the worthy host, Bro. Page, P.M., in his usual liberal and excellent style) had been duly discussed, the W.M. rose to propose "The Queen," and remarked that as example taught more than precept he wished to set the example of short speeches, owing to the lateness of the hour.

The toast, as well as the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, were heartily received.

Bro. Collings, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M., Bro. Collick, expressed his own, and the lodge's sympathy with him in his sufferings, and after proposing "The Health of the W.M.," invested him with the jewel presented by the lodge, wishing him many years of happiness and usefulness.

Bro. Windsor sang "Remember me," and the W.M. suitably responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Initiates." Expressing his pleasure at having had such a grand commencement for the season.

The Tyler sang the E.A.'s song, and Bros. Kettle, Croker, Cunningham, and Steeden, replied.

Bro. Gordon sang, in splendid style, "Toreador."

To the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. Godson, Wood, Williams, and others, responded.

The W.M. proposed "The P.M.'s," and Bros. Collings, Whitley, and Pardue, replied.

"The Officers," S.W., J.W., S.D., Steward, and Organist, replied, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

ROTHESAY LODGE (No. 1687).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the St. James's Hall, Regent-street. The members present included Bros. Frederick V. Green, W.M.; W. Mole, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Shaw, J.W.; Jno. Butlin, Treas.; W. C. Parsons, P.M., Sec.; W. Adams, S.D.; H. Gros, J.D.; J. B. Docker, P.M.; F. Green, P.M.; and E. Valeriani, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Rev. Richard Peek, W.M. 555, Prov. G. Chap. Suffolk; P. Coughlan, P.M. 144; E. Poyard, 1627; W. Corola, P.M. 1622; H. Vickery, P.M. 1475; T. Dally, 1475; Angelo Luraschi, Grand Orient of Italy; A. R. Hawkins, 187; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the preceding regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the Audit Report, showing a substantial balance to the credit of the lodge and Benevolent Funds, was received and adopted. Messrs. Thos. Plumb and F. P. Smith, having been successfully balloted for, were impressively initiated by the W.M. Bro. W. Mole, S.W., was then presented as the W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. F. V. Green. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. R. Shaw, S.W.; W. Adams, J.W.; J. Butlin, Treas.; E. Valeriani, P.M., Sec.; H. Gros, S.D.; Stevenson, J.D.; Edwards, I.G.; F. Green, P.M., D.C.; J. B. Docker, P.M., W.S.; Scott Roberts and Boas, Stwds.; and Potter, Tyler. The usual addresses were then effectively rendered by Bro. F. V. Green, I.P.M., the Installing Master. Bro. J. B. Docker, P.M., then rose and said a pleasing duty had devolved upon him. It was the unanimous wish of the members that a testimonial should be presented to Bro. W. C. Parsons, P.M., on his retirement from the office of Secretary, which post he had occupied for the past ten years, that brother being one of the oldest P.M.'s of the lodge and one of its founders. Many of the young brethren were not aware of the excellences of Bro. Parsons, except that they fully recognised that he was a good man and a good Mason. Eleven years ago, when the lodge was about to be formed, the founders were very pleased that Bro. Parsons should accept the office of Secretary, and to him they went for instruction and guidance in consequence of his great Masonic knowledge. Their lodge was started as brilliantly as any lodge could possibly start, but, owing to circumstances beyond their control, there was subsequently considerable difficulty. However, their late Secretary manfully remained at his post, and had remained in their lodge, which had now risen to be one of the best lodges in existence. They were now in a very prosperous state, and if their lodge fell from that high position it would be the fault of the members, but if they progressed in the same satisfactory manner, and harmony continued in their midst, they could not fail. He hoped Bro. Parsons would be pleased to accept from him, in the name of the lodge, a small token of their esteem and satisfaction of his invaluable services, and their unanimous wish was that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him for many years to be with them and assist them with his guidance and support. The members were also desirous that Bro. Parsons should thank Mrs. Parsons for the many acts of kindness they had received at her hands. The presentation consisted of a handsome massive silver salver and a gold pencil case, the former bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. C. Parsons, P.M., by the brethren of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, on his resignation of the office of Secretary, as a token of esteem and appreciation of his invaluable services since its foundation in 1877. 5th October, 1887."

Bro. W. C. Parsons, P.M., said that words failed him to thank them for the handsome present, and he was sure they would sympathise with him, knowing how difficult it was to become the recipient of even the smallest trifle, but to become the recipient of such handsome presents was a severe strain upon his feelings of thankfulness. It was a matter of sincere regret to him that he could no longer continue the duties of Secretary, but he had felt for some time past that those duties were not carried out with the completeness they required. He felt that the Secretary should be present at the opening and closing of the lodge,

and that his time should be given up to the office, for he should know every member well, and endeavour to interest all the new members in the tenets and principles of the Craft. Some few years ago it would have been his ambition, but he supposed that it was his misfortune in having married late in life that had compelled him to relinquish the duties. Having spent so many years before marriage in Masonry, he felt that those domestic ties now had a claim upon him. However much he regretted losing the office, he felt that the W.M. had done the greatest benefit to the lodge by appointing Bro. Valeriani, P.M., to the vacant post. He should be happy and pleased to give that brother any hints he might require, but he was convinced that as Bro. Valeriani had accepted the office, the work would be done to the complete satisfaction of the W.M. and brethren. He thanked them heartily for their very handsome present, and also Bro. Docker, P.M., to whom he was indebted for his kind words, and particularly the words of thanks intended for his wife, which he should have great pleasure in conveying to her. He hoped to be spared for many years to be with them as a lay member.

It having been intimated that the W.M. intends serving as Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on behalf of the lodge, on the proposition of the I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Docker, P.M., the sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to be placed on his list.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently proposed and received in a hearty and enthusiastic manner. Bro. F. Green, I.P.M., said the gavel had once more been entrusted to him, and the brethren were aware it was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the W.M.," which was the most important toast of the evening. In Bro. Mole, W.M., they possessed a brother who had worked hard in the ritual and in the respective offices to which he had been appointed. There was no member of their lodge who had taken a greater interest in it and worked harder to further its progress than he had. For these reasons he was delighted to see Bro. Mole in the chair, and it had afforded him considerable gratification to have had the pleasure of installing him. Their W.M. had done what every occupant of the chair should do. He began to work for the Charities immediately he was installed. He had signified his intention of representing the lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' School, and there was no better sign than that for their future prosperity. He the (I.P.M.) and the preceding P.M.'s had adopted that course, and their present W.M. had wisely followed in their steps. He asked the brethren to join him in heartily and sincerely drinking to the health of their W.M., wishing him a good and prosperous year of office.

Bro. W. Mole, W.M., in reply, said he did not know how to thank the brethren for the high honour they had paid him in electing him to his present position, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to ensure the satisfactory performance of his duties. If they would give him work to do, he should be happy to endeavour to perform that work efficiently and well. He had no doubt they would have a prosperous year of office together, if they would assist him as they had done the I.P.M. Their lodge had made giant strides, and would be one of the first in London if the members assisted the P.M.'s in carrying out the duties. They were always pleased to meet together, and there was no better place for this purpose than a Masonic lodge, for there one brother could invite his friend, extend the right hand of fellowship to him, and say "You are my brother." If they all only carried out the same high aim, they must command success. Some men were born great, others had greatness thrust upon them, but he was not one of the latter class, for he had conscientiously served through the various minor offices until he had reached his present position. He again thanked the brethren for their kindness, and assured them he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of their esteemed I.P.M.

"The Initiates" having been given, and duly responded to by Bros. Plumb and Smith, the W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and extended to them a sincere and hearty welcome.

Bro. the Rev. R. Peek, Prov. G. Chap. Suffolk, in reply, said that parsons were proverbially bad speakers. They took upon themselves to proclaim from the pulpit the great principle that Masonry and Charity went hand in hand, but when they came to converse upon ordinary topics they fell short in most instances, and were found wanting in rhetorical powers. However, if there was anything that could bring words out of the stony rock, it was such a reception as he had received, and he was sure he spoke on behalf of all the visitors when he said they had received the greatest kindness from the lodge, such as was well calculated to remain in their memories as long as life lasted. He considered that he occupied a very peculiar position. He had heard of the Rothesay Lodge, and he certainly had a desire to be present; but as he had not the acquaintance of a member, he took upon himself to present himself, first writing to the Secretary and asking him to introduce him. He very naturally expected that he should arouse a certain amount of suspicion, but his love for Masonry led him to seek admission, and the reception accorded him had far surpassed his highest expectations. Their kindness to him on that occasion had convinced him that when their adversaries brought accusations that Masonry was selfishness, the charge would surely fail, for the W.M. and brethren had entirely disproved such false charges. He would have gone forth perfectly satisfied with their kindness in the lodge, but the W.M. had induced him to join them at the banquet. He thanked them for their kindness, and he hoped—and he spoke that which he sincerely meant and which came from his heart—that if any of their number visited Suffolk they would make a special point of visiting Lodge No. 555, for, speaking on behalf of that lodge, they would receive them in the same way as he had been received that evening.

Bro. Angelo Luraschi also replied, addressing the brethren in Italian, thanking them for the great kindness shown him, and assuring them that his visit that evening had convinced him that Masonry was universal, and was known and properly practised wherever he went.

"The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was then given by the W.M. He thought the least he could say with reference to the I.P.M. would prove the feeling he had towards that brother, and no words were needed to recommend the toast to the brethren. The lodge had expressed its opinion of Bro. F. Green, I.P.M., by according him a hearty vote of thanks for his services in the chair, and by voting him a

handsome jewel. He (the W.M.) felt very proud to be able to place this jewel upon Bro. Green's breast, and the members united with him in the wish that he might be spared for many years to wear it, as an honour to himself, his family, and the lodge.

Bro. F. V. Green, I.P.M., said he could not find words to adequately express his thanks to the members for having voted him the jewel as a mark of their appreciation of his services. He should never forget the good feeling which had been evinced towards him, and which was of more value to him than the jewel. He had been supported so thoroughly by every member that he could not sufficiently thank them. He could not forget that when he represented them for the Charities they placed a sum on his list that had never before been placed on any W.M.'s list by them. The jewel would always remind him, if he needed reminding, of the kindness he had received at their hands. He hoped the P.M.'s were glad to receive him into their ranks, and he trusted he should be an acquisition to them. He should endeavour to cement the good feeling that had already existed, and to promote the general welfare of their lodge.

Bro. Valeriani, P.M., Sec., responded for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and thanked the W.M. very sincerely for appointing him as Secretary. It would have been an impossibility for him to have accepted that office had he not known their late Secretary as well as he did. It would be no fault of his if he did not satisfactorily discharge his duties. He desired to thank their past Secretary, Bro. Parsons, for the kindness shown by him since he had been in the lodge.

"The Health of the past Secretary, Bro. W. C. Parsons, P.M.," having been proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M., Bro. Parsons, P.M., replied, and said it was unnecessary for him to add anything to his remarks in the lodge. He cordially thanked the W.M. and Bro. Valeriani for the kind remarks made concerning the manner in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary. Looking back on the past, they had been through varied experiences, but he was proud to see the lodge was now in a very flourishing condition. He would again sincerely thank them individually and collectively for the handsome present they had subscribed for, and which he need not assure them he should highly value.

Bro. Shaw, S.W., having replied for "The Officers," the Tyler's toast closed the meeting.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. J. Garside, W.M.; W. B. Akerman, S.W.; J. Robinson, J.W.; E. G. Chesworth, S.D.; V. M. Vultchhoff, J.D.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M.; P. P. G. D. East Lanc., Treas.; J. Wilson, P.M., acting Sec.; C. Daber, I.G.; S. Staton and J. Read, Stwds.; J. Sly, Tyler; R. R. Lisenden, I.P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; John Bladon, P.M., P. P. G. D. C., D.C.; J. Dawson, P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; J. W. Edwards, P.M.; J. Wolstencroft, J. Pearson, and others. Visitors: Bro. A. T. Forrest, P.M. 1633, and others.

There being no ceremonies to perform, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge opened and closed in the Three Degrees. At the social board Bro. Seymour Jackson, of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, contributed vastly to the enjoyment of all present by his refined singing of "Tell me, Mary," and "When other lips." Both songs were sung with exquisite taste and feeling, and were highly appreciated by the brethren. Bro. Stephen Jupp, another tenor, who has received some valuable hints from Bro. Jackson respecting finish and expression, sang "The last watch" and another ballad most artistically. Bros. Walmsley, Pearson, Bladon, and W. Garside also contributed to the brethren's enjoyment, and Bro. Charles Daber rendered valuable aid at the piano.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—This lodge met on the 8th inst., at the Albany Hotel. Amongst those present were Bros. W. H. Matthews, W.M.; Dr. Faulkner, S.W.; D. Hart-Davis, I.G., acting J.W.; John Faulkner, P.M., P. P. S. G. D. Middx., Treas.; E. W. Devereux, P.M., P. A. G. D. C. Middx., Sec.; G. Wingate, P.M., acting S.D.; Francis Tallack, D.C., acting I.G.; H. F. Tallack, Org.; W. F. Tallack, W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. William Faulkner, S.W. Bro. John Faulkner, P.M., was re-elected Treas., and Bro. John Gilbert, Tyler. Bros. D. Hart-Davis, Francis Tallack, and W. F. Tallack, were appointed on the Audit Committee.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the customary toasts were given and duly honoured.

CARDIFF.—Tennant Lodge (No. 1992).—At the Masonic Hall, Worky-street, the installation ceremony in connection with the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 6th inst., Bro. D. S. Varzopollo being the W.M. elect, vice Bro. David Williams. The lodge was opened in due form by the latter brother, and the following members of the lodge were present: Bros. M. Tennant, D. P. G. M., P. A. G. D. C.; David Williams, W.M.; Henry White, I. P. M.; D. S. Varzopollo, S.W.; T. Niven; W. Deacon, Sec.; W. H. Morris, S.D.; R. Mumford, J.D.; T. Williams, I.G.; D. S. Owen, Stwd.; T. M. Hall, J. E. Deacon, J. W. Harvey, J. Couch, W. E. Miles, W. M. Jones, R. Williams, R. W. Westlake; and the following visitors were present to do honour to Bro. Varzopollo: Bros. P. H. Thomas, I. G. 960; W. Richards, 960; Edgar Whitefield, 960; S. G. Homtray, D. P. G. M. Mon.; C. J. Griffiths; A. P. Fabian, D. P. G. W.; C. C. Thomas, J. W. 960; T. James, I. G. 960; D. Thompson, P. M. 36; G. Hazell, P. P. G. P., 1429; S. Davies, P. M. 1429; J. H. Pettengell, P. G. S., S. D. 1562; R. Parry, P. J. G. D., 1573; D. G. Davies, S. W. 1429; R. C. Roper, W. M. 1754, P. G. S. B.; T. G. Hodges, S. W. 1754; H. P. Roberts, S. 1754; T. H. Belcher, P. G. S., J. W. 1754; J. David, 1754; W. Dix, W. M. 1429; P. H. Ball, 1429; F. W. Dingle, P. M. 906, P. P. G. O.; S. Cooper, P. M. 36, P. P. S. G. W.; E. Davies, 960; S. Coleman, P. M. 36, P. P. G. T.; W. Nichol, I. G. 36; E. W. Evans, P. M. 1429, P. P. G. D. C.; C. W. Page, W. M. 36; A. Taylor, I. P. M. 1429, P. G. S. Mon.; J. A. Jones, W. M. 833; D. E. Pearce, P. M. 960, P. P. G. S. of W.; J. H. Taylor, J. D.

1575; W. Hollinsdale, Sec. 1429; J. Munday, W.M. 950, P.G. Reg.; J. Hussey, I.P.M. 960; and H. T. Wright, 1021.

After the ceremony of installing Bro. Varzopolo in the chair of K.S., speeches congratulating the I.P.M. were made, and reference made to the excellent manner in which he had performed his Masonic duties during the year. Most of the Provincial Grand Officers spoke.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where Bro. Host Williams had prepared a sumptuous banquet. Several brethren other than those at the installation were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LEEDS.—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—The usual meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. There was a very large gathering, the occasion being a special one, from the fact that the W.M., Bro. C. L. Mason, had announced that he would read a paper. The W.M., Bro. C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas., was surrounded by the following officers and brethren of the lodge: Bros. Tudor Trevor, P.M., S.W.; Wm. Watson, P.M., J.W.; Robt. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D., I.P.M.; Robert Abbott, Treas.; C. Middleton, Sec.; Rev. J. Rosser, Chap.; Scott Young, S.D.; J. J. Fretwell, J.D.; T. Atkinson, I.G.; Lewis Howard, Org.; Butterworth, Stwd.; Hayler, Bailey, H. B. Abbott, Wilton Jones, Smithson, Crossley, Cryer, and Walter Storey. All the other Leeds lodges were fully represented, the brethren including Bros. Bradford, W.M. 1211; Flockton, W.M. 1042; Crossley, W.M. 289; Brownfoot, W.M. 304; Scriven, P.M.; R. Wilson, P.M.; D. Elliott, P.M.; Glover, P.M.; Williamson, P.M.; H. Crossley, J.W. 61; G. F. Carr, 1542; Marshall, 304; J. Bailey, 304; the Rev. A. B. Coombe, 304; R. Jackson, J.W. 289; and many others.

The first business was the selection of W.M. for the coming year, and this honour was by the unanimous voice of his brethren bestowed upon Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., one of the founders of the lodge, under whose genial sway a happy and a prosperous year may be expected. The gratifying announcement was received with hearty applause, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Trevor. Bro. Robert Abbott, the Treasurer, was by the unanimous vote of his brethren again designated for that onerous but honourable position. Bro. Samuel Barraud was also reappointed Tyler. These necessary appointments having been made, the W.M. elect (Bro. Trevor) conveyed to Bro. Mason the hearty thanks of the brethren of the Lodge Prudence for the kindness and courtesy which had marked his rule of the lodge. In very graceful language Bro. Trevor paid a high but well deserved tribute to Bro. Mason, who possesses to the full the admiration and esteem, not only of the brethren of his own lodge, but of every Mason in the province. Bro. Fretwell moved a vote expressive of the sympathy of the brethren with Bro. Pendleton, who has been compelled by ill-health to leave Leeds, and earnestly hoping that he would be speedily restored to health. This was seconded by Bro. Trevor and adopted. A telegram was next read from London from Bro. M. W. Jameson, wishing the W.M. elect happiness in his new duties. It was also unanimously decided at the next meeting to present to Bro. Mason a P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge Prudence pattern. Bro. Mason then proceeded to read his paper, which was received with continued marks of approval from all who heard it, and at its conclusion the earnest hope was expressed that he would have it printed for private circulation, and the announcement that this was his intention was received with loud applause. The first part of the paper consisted of a record of the work done in the lodge during the past year, and as this is a matter of interest only to a limited circle, we shall content ourselves by remarking that it is a record of good work of which any lodge might be proud. Passing to the second part of his subject, "What is Freemasonry?" Bro. Mason spoke as follows—The Dean of York, when addressing the brethren of the North and East and West Ridings of Yorkshire in the Cathedral, at York, on the 14th July, 1887, stated: "I believe that Freemasonry represents an almost primeval craving for relief from that which human selfishness had made intolerable—a craving to draw together, man to man, and heart to heart, for mutual sympathy, mutual friendship, in a word—Brotherhood. That each should look at his fellow not as his enemy, his rival, his tool; but his brother—one with him in common interests and common aims, in mutual protection and advancement, of which the individual welfare of each was the best promoted and secured." Were I to attempt to answer fully and categorically this question—"What is Freemasonry?"—it would take more time than we have at our disposal this afternoon, and I must therefore only attempt to do it in part, in outline that is to say. If I asked any brother in this room, "What is Freemasonry?" I should have the prompt reply, "A beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." True, but it is evident that this condensed description of Freemasonry, though suitable enough for a short examination, does not profess to give (nor does it in effect give) a full solution of the query, "What is Freemasonry?" Freemasonry is best and most fitly described as a world-wide Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, bound together by certain leading principles, and fixed on an immutable basis, so that it is able to outlive the passing away of kingdoms and dynasties, "to survive the wreck of mighty empires, and resist the destroying hand of time." Its abstract or foundation principles may be said to be fraternity, human sympathy, love of truth; while its concrete or active development is to be found in its respect for law and order, its toleration, its reverence for religion, its illimitable Charity or brotherly love. In its fraternity it seeks to enrol a phalanx of persons of different countries, sects, opinions, and colours, in one firm bond of living union and concord, for the great aim of "being happy and communicating happiness to others;" all permeated and influenced by goodwill one to another, kindness and humanity for the children of the dust, mutual respect, mutual confidence, mutual support, practical brotherhood. Such a confederation has been objected to on various grounds. The Roman Catholic Church has formally excommunicated not only Roman Catholic Freemasons, but all Freemasons, on the ground that by thus obliterating the limits of different denominations and ignoring sectional distinctions, a sort of natural religion is set up. Such is the idea and scope of the famous Bull of Clement in 1738, and such is the teaching of the Church of Rome to-day. There are others, of various bodies, who see in the non-use of Christian prayers, as in England, what they term a mere Theistic avowal.

But such is not the case. In Scotland and Ireland Christian prayers are used. There is no law to prevent a Chaplain using a Christian prayer. But since 1730, and notably since 1813, universal prayers have been undoubtedly used, which, as we use them, are perfectly sound, enlightened, rational, reverential, and charitable. There is, therefore, no valid objection to the basis on which Freemasonry rests; a band of good men and true, of different countries and denominations, all acknowledging, however, a Divine Creator, united in the noble cause of increasing the happiness, "relieving the distresses, soothing the afflictions," and succouring the necessities of one another. In its expressions of human sympathy it would enforce what is really the great aim of life, as John Wesley puts it, "to leave the world better than we found it," by infusing in all around, and extending on every side of us, those kindly and engaging sympathies of the human heart and affection which always seem to remind us of a Divine Original, and which, when duly cultivated and religiously directed, tend more than anything else to the happiness of society, the welfare of our race, and the civilisation of mankind. In Love of Truth, Freemasonry proclaims the solemn reality—that there is such a thing as Truth; and that, whether in its more dogmatic form or in its practical development by us, by a hatred of hypocrisy, of insincerity, of treachery, it is one of the noblest characteristics of the human mind and conduct. When we come to the concrete virtues or graces which Freemasonry professes to recommend to its votaries, time fails me, on the present occasion, to enlarge upon them fully. In its respect for Law and Order, Freemasonry in our favoured land declares loyalty to our Sovereign the first duty of every citizen and Freemason; forbids all participation in revolutionary societies (the enemies of true liberty), and while it enjoins obedience to the laws of our own country, enlightened and admirable as they are, it also enjoins us to obey the laws of any land "which for a time may become the place of our residence or afford us its protection," as peaceful citizens, travellers or sojourners. In its toleration, it knows nothing of the controversies or the divergencies of the human mind, the often angry utterances of bitter partisans, or those unhappy divisions which seem to separate brother from brother. It bids all its members meet as brethren, work as brethren, be social as brethren, part as brethren, and to forget for a few peaceful hours all those inevitable and inherited severances, which in the world without often seem to divide us into contending hosts. Freemasonry, though not a religion in itself, is ever most reverent in respect of the undoubted claims of religion on man's best feelings, and ever ready to assist in all that tends to illuminate the minds, satisfy the needs, and extend the benefits of culture and civilizing influences in all directions and among all classes. It may be remembered, to its praise, that it never begins or closes its work without prayer, and that the Bible, the "great light of Freemasonry," is ever open in our midst. All its utterances breathe a spirit of reverential piety and true morality, and are alike beautiful in precept, in purity, and religious feeling. Some of us remember those words spoken by the Marquis of Ripon, when Grand Master, in Grand Lodge, on the 4th of March, 1874, "Remember, the strength of our Order lies not in the number of our lodges, or in the increasing roll of our members, but in the fraternal spirit by which the members are animated, and which lives and breathes in our lodges." And what shall I say about its Charity? It is illimitable, in that, expanding year by year, it has become a marvellous reality, a living proof of the true spirit which adorns, and we may truly say consecrates, Freemasonry. It does good in countless ways. For instance, take its great Charitable Institutions, with an income of more than £50,000—the interest on a million of money at 5 per cent.—whereby it educates, clothes, and feeds 258 boys and 240 girls, and succours the aged and infirm, by granting annuities to 405 old men and widows. Take again our own local Charity in Leeds, which, though so recently established, has been the means of educating 39 orphan children, who otherwise would have been debarred the benefit of a sound education. These and countless other deeds may truly be considered those distinguishing badges which do honour to its own professions, and best characterise its useful and beneficent existence. "Freemasonry is an Institution founded upon and growing out of the necessities of men, as social, as intellectual, and as religious beings. It has demonstrated its capacity for adapting itself to these wants in all ages of human experience. Amid the rivalries and antagonisms of active life there is a longing of the soul for union and brotherly love, and for such relations as will satisfy the necessities of our social nature. It is upon this principle that our Order is founded, hence it cannot fail to exist; it must grow and prosper necessarily with the growth and development of man's better sentiments. It is not aggressive, it is not obtrusive. It makes no issues, it sets up no rivalries with other Institutions, but, gathering up the ages, it recognises the inner cravings of the soul and the universal brotherhood of man, forgetting all else in its devotion to his higher and better deeds." The writer of the article on "Freemasonry" in the Encyclopædia Britannica, in his concluding paragraph, uses these words, "As regards the future of Freemasonry, it is impossible, at least for outsiders, to say much. The celebration of the universal brotherhood of man and the celebration of universal goodwill in the abstract seem rather indefinite objects for any Society in this imaginative age." The Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, when addressing the Mayor and Corporation and people of Oxford on their Jubilee Festival the other day, used these words: "The great lesson, after all, to lay to heart is, that the future is very much what we individually shall make it, and if we do not play our parts amiss, the results we may in faith leave to God." And so may we say of the future of Freemasonry, if we make it a living reality; if we perform our duties aright, act up to the great principles of our Order, love mercy, do justice, forget self, and throw our whole energies in promoting the weal of our common brotherhood, by diligently and faithfully performing the duties of our several avocations in life "by liberal benevolence and diffusive Charity; by constancy and sincerity in our friendships, and by a uniform good, kind, and virtuous deportment," "prove to the world the happy and beneficial effects your ancient and truly honourable Society," "so that when a man is said to be a Mason the world may know him to be one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows; to whom distress may prefer its suit; whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence." If such principles as these guide our lives as men and Masons, we need have no fear for the future of our

Order, but with all confidence safely leave it in the hands of Him who is the great Father of us all, and who rules all things both in heaven and earth. So, then, let us rejoice to call ourselves English Freemasons, and this Lodge Prudence let us hope that the true and distinguished principles of Freemasonry will ever accompany its onward career, and that when we, its Founders and earliest members, shall have passed away, other faithful brethren will stand firm to the banner of English Freemasonry, and to those sacred and elevating principles of thought, duty and action which justify its mission and render it useful and beneficial to ourselves and to the world in which we live.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. J. B. Williams, W.M.; Talbot, S.W.; Turpin, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Dixon, S.D.; Penrose, J.D.; Leng, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Howes, P.M.; Faulkner, Coudrey, Dodd, Vacky, Haire, Borrett, Emblin, and Dandridge.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coudrey acting as candidate. The lodge was then called off, and, on resuming, was opened in the Second Degree. The usual questions leading to the Third Degree having been duly answered by Bro. Faulkner, the lodge was advanced to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and all business being ended, was closed.

TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).—This lodge re-opened for the season on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford. Present: Bros. Walters, jun., W.M.; Falkner, S.W.; Borrett, J.W.; Millbourn, Preceptor; Vellenoweth, Sec.; J. G. Dale, S.D.; Leng, J.D.; J. Block, I.G.; Talbot, Lazarus, Akehurst, sen., Akehurst, jun., H. A. Dale, and Phillips.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Block, Bro. Akehurst personating the candidate. Bro. Millbourn, Preceptor, then gave the Lecture on the tracing board in his customary admirable and impressive manner. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Talbot and the W.M. respectively, assisted by the brethren. On the second rising, Bro. Falkner was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. R. Dillon, W.M.; J. Round, S.W.; C. Coleman, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas., and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. Chapple, S.D.; S. J. Humfress, J.D.; S. B. Nightingale, I.G.; J. Stephens, P.M.; M. Rosenberg, G. Weston, W. J. Stratton, J. H. Dew, H. W. Eastwood, T. W. Willard, A. W. Thompson, A. Arrowsmith, C. J. Bion, S. W. Manktelow, and J. W. Curtis.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weston candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Weston answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Weston candidate. Bro. Weston answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Round was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 7th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. H. D. Aslett, W.M.; W. J. Coplestone, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; Lucas, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; C. H. Hopkins, I.G.; D. S. Long, P.M., acting Preceptor; H. Caustin, P.M.; W. G. Coat, and H. Oliver.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Oliver offering himself as a candidate, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Oliver being the candidate. Bro. Oliver offering himself as a candidate for the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Oliver being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen for the first and second times, Bro. Coplestone was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes" were given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

HIGHGATE LODGE (No. 1366).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Bull and Gate, Kentish Town. Present: Bros. Quartley, W.M.; Homan, S.W.; Hahn, J.W.; Trinder, S.D.; Poynter, J.D.; Whiting, I.G.; Frost, P.M., Preceptor; Scattergood, P.M., Sec.; Giddings, Howson, Finch, Muvey, Hill, Devine, and Garart.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Devine as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections were worked. Bro. Poynter, 2202, was elected a member. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on first and second Thursdays in November, to which brethren are invited.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; W. Chapple, S.W.; C. A. Bond, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1643, Sec.; J. R. Allman, S.D.; H. Moss, J.D.; A. W. Thompson, I.G.; E. Coleman, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, acting Preceptor; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; F. Chandler, P.M. 1793; C. T. Thomson, W.M. elect 1697; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; W. J. Mason, W. Death, W. Seaman, W. G. Parnell, E. A. Warfield, S. Barrow, and J. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Death and Chandler being candidates respectively. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Chapple was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be entered on the minutes, for the many occasions Bro. Chalfont had assisted in instructing the brethren; which compliment Bro. Chalfont acknowledged in a very suitable manner. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The first meeting for the winter season was held at Masons' Hall, Mason's-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. Joslin, W.M.; W. Baber, P.M., as S.W.; D. Hills, J.W.; J. L. Barrett, S.D.; Eisenmann, J.D.; A. Jardine, I.G.; Jas. Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; J. K. Pitt, Assistant Preceptor; W. Bail, Hon. Sec.; F. J. Smith, H. Whitehouse, A. H. Gomme, Lazarus, and others.

The arrangements made by the Committee on the 22nd ult. were submitted for approval and unanimously assented to. Bro. A. Jardine worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, and the ceremony of initiation was then ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. W.

Baber, P.M. of the mother lodge, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed, and the first meeting of the Second Masonic Benevolent Association in connection with this lodge of instruction was then held, Bro. J. L. Barrett presiding. Several brethren were admitted members, and a fair start was given to this meritorious undertaking. The proceedings then terminated.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. A. E. Austin, W.M.; W. Roots, S.W.; S. Ellis, J.W.; W. Steele, S.D.; Brien, J.D.; S. Renaut, I.G.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; C. R. Williams, and Grace.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. R. Williams having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. C. R. Williams as candidate. Bro. Grace having answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. Grace as candidate. The traditional history was given by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The first meeting for the winter season of this old and prosperous lodge of instruction was held on the 6th inst., at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, 7, London-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Jolly, W.M.; Blake, S.W.; Greenwood, J.W.; Warner, S.D.; Ives, J.D.; Colley, I.G.; Duffield, Preceptor; G. Hughes, Sec.; T. Lewis, Treas.; Johnson, Arnott, Beadle, Jones, Gregory, Ringrove, Smith, and Bailey.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson being candidate. Bro. Duffield was unanimously elected a honorary member of the lodge, being proposed by Bro. Greenwood, and seconded by Bro. W. Smith. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bros. C. Jolly, 1472; Arnott, 2184; Beadle, 2184; and Johnson, 1804. On rising for the second time, Bro. T. Duffield, Preceptor, proposed that Bro. Blake, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Restaurant, 1, Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Lane, W.M.; Gibson, Treas., S.W.; Glover, J.W.; Wray, Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Ray, S.D.; Baddeley, J.D.; Grist, I.G.; Coughlan, P.M.; F. Green, P.M.; C. Taylor, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; H. G. Holland, Deacon, Barker, and W. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brindley, P.M., worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Deacon being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Deacon being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Gibson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. E. B. Cox, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.W.; C. Lambert, S.D.; G. F. Swan, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Mitchell, H. J. Pellatt, T. A. Dickson, W. Hancock, Carlo Grassi, R. J. Harnell, E. C. Mulvey, James Rowe, W. J. Mulvey, G. H. Reynolds, J. Rayner, R. W. Williams, W. Maxted, W. Brindley, Vernon Smith, and E. L. Campbell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. L. Campbell having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. T. A. Dickson offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The W.M. worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bro. W. J. Mulvey, 1230, proposed by Bro. E. C. Mulvey, and seconded by Bro. G. F. Swan; Bro. E. Lane Campbell, 1987, proposed by Bro. W. Brindley, and seconded by Bro. Carlo Grassi. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. F. Kedge, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. Edmund Cox, W.M., for the admirable way in which he had worked the two ceremonies, and also for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwars-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Keene, W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; Cochrane, J.W.; Swan, S.D.; Hubbard, J.D.; Dresden, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Payers, and Wood.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by Bro. Cochrane, J.W. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Payers being candidate. The addresses in the ceremony of installation were given by Bro. Wood, Bro. P. J. Davies was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, 7th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Arnold, jun., W.M.; Coleman, S.W.; Evans, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Ray, S.D.; Mann, J.D.; Holland, I.G.; Glover, F. Purnell, Baughan, Edwards, Taylor, Mason, P.M.; Giddings, Arnold, sen., Blades, Teague, Richards, Grafton, Schmidt, De Wyttenbach, Dottrell, and J. Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brindley, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dottrell candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Brindley. Bro. Giddings, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Giddings being the candidate. Bro. Brindley vacated the chair, which was re-occupied by the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. Grafton, Schmidt, De Wyttenbach, 2030, and Teague, 1735, were unanimously elected joining members. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted, to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time. This compliment was richly deserved, the W.M. having done the initiation in capital style. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—This chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 6th inst. Among those present were Comps. E. Ayling, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.S.B. Surrey, P.Z., H.; G. Gardner, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Westley, P.S.; Hewitt, 1st Asst. S.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z.; Kohler, P.Z.; and Appleton, P.Z. Among the visitors were Comps. W. Lee, P.G.S.B. Middx., P.Z. 975; Hollins, M.E.Z. 141; Bugler, J. 766; Harvey, S.N. 1572; Eadle, 2nd A.S. 141; and Welsh, 619.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. B. A. Griffin, 975, and A. E. Austin, 619, and it proved to be unanimous. The candidates being in attendance were most ably exalted to the R.A. Degree by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers. Apologies for non-attendance were received and read from Comps. George Everett, P.Z., Treasurer; Dowling, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in able terms by the I.P.Z.

Comp. Ayling, in reply, expressed his satisfaction at seeing so many companions present. His year of office had commenced well, and he hoped that that prosperity would continue. He very much regretted that indisposition had prevented the worthy Treasurer from attending that evening. Personally, he felt his absence to be a great loss and the only damper on the proceedings.

"The Exaltees" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Comps. Griffin and Austin.

Comp. W. Lee, in responding for "The Visitors," paid a high compliment to the M.E.Z. and the officers for the almost perfect way in which they had discharged their duties. He said that the Kennington Chapter was favoured by having several Past Principals among its members, who were capable of holding their own with any of the best workers of the Royal Arch Degree in London or elsewhere. In conclusion, he said that he had spent a most instructive and pleasant evening.

Comps. Harvey, Hollins, and others, spoke in similar complimentary terms.

"The second and third Principals" followed. In speaking upon this toast, the M.E.Z. especially paid a high compliment to Comp. H. J. Lardner, for his rendering the symbolical address.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and S.E.," and "The Officers," terminated a most enjoyable evening.

WHITBY.—Britannia Chapter (No. 312).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, on Monday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Comps. W. H. Falkenbridge, M.E.Z.; Francis Thornton, H.; William G. Lockey, J.; John N. Lawson, P.Z., S.N.; S. Reed, P.Z., S.E.; John T. Stewart, P.S.; Thomas Tate and William H. Attlay, A.S.; John Stevenson, P.Z.; James S. Moss, P.Z.; J. N. Andrew, B. Newbald, H. Wald, Thomas Atkinson, R. W. White, and Thomas H. Trueman, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. John Brooks, P.M. 312, P.P.J.G.D., who was elected at the previous chapter, was admitted in due form, and exalted to the Supreme Degree of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being ably performed by the three Chiefs and Principal Sojourner.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, including the proposition of a brother for exaltation, the chapter was closed in due form, after which the companions met and spent a pleasant evening together.

GREAT STANMORE.—Stanmore Chapter (No. 1549).—The last regular convocation of this steadily increasing and successful chapter was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 14th ult., and was well attended. Four candidates had been accepted on the ballot for exaltation, but one only was able to attend, and the remainder will doubtless (with others who are announced) be present at an emergency meeting which is expected to be held during the winter months. The chapter was well represented by Comps. J. Tickle, M.E.Z.; B. Haynes, H.; Dr. Rogers, J.; C. Veal, S.E.; R. H. Blatchford, S.N.; C. H. Webb, P.Z., as P.S.; J. S. Frazer, P.Z.; F. Brown, P.Z. 538; J. Best, 2nd A.S.; D. H. Jacobs, P.Z. 619; R. Pascoe, and W. Wilson. Visitors: Comps. R. H. Pearson, P.Z. 11, 1196; R. T. Fountain, P.Z. 948; J. Vincent, P.Z. 567; R. W. Bilby, J. 1212; W. Wingham, 25; H. Sprake, 813; J. W. Tacon, 1186; S. Brooks, M.E.Z. 95, P.Z. 975.

The Chapter was opened in due form, and after the previous convocation had been duly confirmed, the chair of M.E.Z. was taken by comp. F. Brown, P.Z., who, with the assistance of his officers, exalted Bro. W. T. Buck, P.M. 1702, to the rank of R.A.M. The whole ceremony was admirably worked, and our new companion may well congratulate himself on seeing this ceremony so ably performed in all its branches. On the M.E.Z. resuming the chair, a notice of motion by Comp. Jacobs, P.Z., "That the installation meeting in future be held in September instead of July" was discussed, but adjourned until the next meeting, that absent companions may have an opportunity of being present. Various small matters having been disposed of, and hearty good wishes duly noted from all visitors, the chapter was then closed.

The companions afterwards enjoyed a substantial dinner, very ably presided over by the M.E.Z., who gave the accustomed toasts with his usual ability, and especially that of "The Visitors," who were on all occasions accorded a hearty welcome to Stanmore. On returning thanks they each complimented the chapter on the efficient working, and fully confirmed the high encomiums passed by Sir Francis Burdett at the last Provincial Grand Chapter which was held at Stanmore.

Several companions enlivened the evening with harmony, and with "The Health of the Principals, Past Principals, and Officers," and the Janitor's toast, a very agreeable evening was closed.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has arranged to deliver his lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the First Degree in Freemasonry, in the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, at Sudbury, Suffolk, on Friday, the 28th instant.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Sims, S.N. 834, M.E.Z.; M. Speigel, 834, H.; J. Davies, 733, J.; H. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 867, S.E.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, S.N.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, P.S.; J. Smith, 890, 1st A.S.; and C. R. Wickens, P.S. 704.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dean being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed, and the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS LODGE.—This distinguished lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 15th inst. Among those present were Bros. W. Roebuck, P.G.M.O., W. Deputy Master; R. Berridge, G.D.C., &c., P.D.M.; C. F. Matier, P.J.G.W., P.D.M., acting S.W.; A. Williams, P.G.D., J.W.; T. Cubitt, P.G.S.O., M.O.; Baron de Ferrieres, acting S.O.; C. Driver, P.G.I. of Wks., J.O.; the Rev. T. Robinson, P.G.C., Chap.; F. Binckes, P.J.G.W., G.S., Sec.; Cooper, P.G.D., S.D.; S. B. Wilson, P.G.I. of Wks.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., I.G.; Dr. Coffin, P.G.S.B.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.S.; and many others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, P.J.G.W.; Col. A. Potter, C.B., P.G.M.O.; J. Moon, P.G. Treas.; and W. E. Stewart, M.D., P.G.S., and it proved to be unanimous. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. Bros. F. Davison was re-elected Treasurer, and E. Mills, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. Previously to the lodge being closed, numerous letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, W.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; Capt. Phillips, P.G.W.; F. Davison, P.G.W.; Spice, P.S.G.D., and others.

The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the usual banquet was held, under the presidency of Bro. Roebuck.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

A solemn convocation at their Grand East, 33, Golden-square, was held on Tuesday last. At noon the Supreme Council, 33°, met for Home, Foreign, and Colonial Correspondence; at 2.45 the Grand Consistory of S.P.R.S., 32°; at 3.45 the Sovereign Tribunal of G.I.I.C., 31°; at 4.45 the Grand Chapter of Ill. Gd. El. Kts. K.H., 30°; the 30, 31, and 32 Degrees were conferred on a number of candidates. The brethren dined together at the Café Royal.

Since the last meeting of the Supreme Council, the lodge and Ante-rooms, together with the offices and other parts of the premises, have been re-decorated, and now presents a most attractive appearance. A style has been adopted which shows an harmonious blending of colour in strict accordance with Masonic requirements. The lodge room itself is now one of the prettiest in London, and the authorities are to be congratulated on providing such a useful and attractive suite of rooms for Masonic purposes.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' LODGE (No. 1).—This influential council met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 30th ult. Among those present were P. Moore, P.G.C.W., acting T.I.M.; G. Graveley, D.M.; C. F. Matier, G. Recorder, acting P.C. of W.; T. C. Walls, R.P.P.G.D.M., Recorder; H. J. Lardner, C. of C.; R. B. Bryant, 2nd Marshal; G. Powell, Jun. Stwd.; H. Harris, R. Roy, J. N. Fryer, J. J. Pakes, W. W. Codd, W. A. Scurrell, W. Tomson, Dr. Pocock, N. Prower, M.A., and others. The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken in behalf of Bro. J. G. Thomas, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly admitted, received, and greeted by Bro. Poore, whose working of the four intricate Degrees was as vigorous and efficient as ever. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, Major Lambert, Major Dunbar, the Rev. W. Lemon, M.A.; Capt. Anderson, H. Shirley, A. Williams, Loveland, T. Cubitt, T.I.M.; D. Cama, and many others. The resignation of Bro. H. Cama was received with regret.

The members then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Cubitt, the chair was taken by Bro. Walls. The customary toasts received full justice.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., presided, and there were present Bros. James E. Brett, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; John E. Dawson, P.G.S.B.; Alex. Forsyth, M.D.; Hugh Cotter, C. E. Driver, P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Newton, Charles Lacey, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; E. West, C. J. Perceval, John M. Stedwell, W. H. Perryman, G.P.; W. T. Daniell, Albert Fish, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; L. Stean, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. H. Webb, W. J. Murlis, Sam. Brooks, A. H. Tattershall, W. Belchamber, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of a male annuitant, and the Warden's report for the past month having been read, that of the Finance Committee was submitted, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The application of a widow for half her late husband's annuity having been granted, the Committee proceeded to discuss the several petitions, 12 in number (6 males and 6 widows), with the result that all were accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in May, 1888, with the exception of that of one of the widows, which was deferred for further information.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.



Bro. the Lord Mayor will open Kilburn Park on Saturday, the 22nd inst.

Bro. Albert J. Altman, C.C., has been nominated as Master of the Cardmakers' Company.

Bro. Lord Egerton is entertaining a large party for the shooting at Knutsford, Cheshire.

Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan is entertaining a shooting party at Broome Hall, which he has rented from the executors of the late Sir Edward Kerrison.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will receive the Elcho Challenge Shield, won by the English eight at Wimbledon this year, on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Guildhall.

The Queen has just presented Mdme. Albani with the Jubilee commemoration medal in diamonds. It has at the top a diamond star with sapphires.

CRYSTAL PALACE SCHOOL OF ART.—Dr. W. B. Kemshead's class for arithmetic, mathematics, and algebra will commence to-morrow (Saturday). Fee—12 lessons—£2 2s.

Bro. Sheriff W. Alpheus Higgs' young polled-Angus bull, Black Bard, is the prettiest animal in the Dairy Show at the Agricultural Hall, and has taken a first prize.

Bro. T. G. Vickery, solicitor, Church-court-chambers, Old Jewry, has been appointed by the Lord Chief Justice of England a perpetual commissioner for taking acknowledgements of deeds by married women.

THE GUILDHALL MUSEUM.—The Postmaster-General has presented the Library Committee with the massive ornament of Milo the Cretonian, which used to hang over the doorway of the Queen's Hotel, St. Martin's-le-Grand.

CITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC.—A course of lectures will be delivered at the City School of Music, Knight-riders-street, on Tuesday evenings, on "Harmony." The first of the lectures, which are free, took place on Tuesday, and dealt with the history of harmony.

The Queen has given £200 to the special fund which is being raised by the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy for the relief of the distress which exists among the country clergy in connection with glebe lands and tithes. The fund now amounts to over £38,000.

Bro. W. S. Gardner, Past G.M. of Massachusetts, has lately resigned his seat on the judicial bench in the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, on the score of ill-health. Bro. Gardner was born in 1827, and is one of the ablest Grand Masters of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry" to the members of the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1601, at the George Inn, Catford, S.E., on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., at 8 p.m.

The Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of New York held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, New York, on the 6th ult., when Comp. John L. Brothers was elected and installed M.I.G. Master; Comp. Ralph C. Christiance, Deputy G.M.; Comp. John L. Macomb, jun., G.P.C. of W.; Comp. Baldwin, G. Treas.; and Comp. G. Van Vliet, G. Recorder.

Our readers will learn with regret that, according to Reuter's telegram, Lady Brassey, wife of Bro. Lord Brassey, and author of "The Voyage of the Sunbeam," died on the 14th September of fever, contracted on the coast of Australia, and was buried at sea. The deceased was married to Bro. Lord Brassey in 1860, and leaves four children to mourn her loss.

Bro. P. L. Simmonds, P.M., and G. Steward of the Mark Degree, has just brought out a most interesting work (published by Dean and Sons, Fleet-street). It is entitled "The British Roll of Honour," and gives a descriptive account of the various recognised Orders of Chivalry, and their insignia, Home and Foreign, with the names and addresses of some 4000 or 5000 Englishmen living who are members of these Orders.

Bro. Dr. Richardson will deliver a course of eight lectures on "Physiology," in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, on Friday evenings, commencing to-day (Friday). The instructions of so distinguished a teacher will be of value to all persons, and will have attractions for any who desire to know how rightly to treat the fearfully and wonderfully made body which each one calls his own. Each lecture will last from 8 to 9.

At a private meeting of the Eastbourne Town Council, held on Monday last, Bro. Alderman W. E. Morrison was, by an unanimous vote, offered the Mayoralty for the ensuing year; on his declining the honour, Bro. Alderman Boulton was chosen as Mayor, he having already occupied that position in 1885-6. It is a fact worthy of notice that in Eastbourne the Mayor, deputy Mayor, all the aldermen, the town clerk, the borough surveyor, and the borough accountant are all members of the Craft.

Bro. Alderman Whitehead has twice recently appealed to the public for funds for the poor-box at the Guildhall. We are glad to note that the last appeal has had good effect. Besides a response of nearly £100, a number of letters for various hospitals have been sent in. Of all benevolent agencies, the poor-boxes at the various courts are the best and most economically managed. Not a penny is spent for working, while the knowledge of the officials of nearly the whole of the persons who come for relief ensures the money going in the right direction.

Specimen pictures (five sizes) of the Royal Masonic picture commemorative of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, K.G., &c., &c., as R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master of England, at the Dome, Brighton, June 22nd, 1886, are now on view at George Kenning's Masonic Show Rooms, Little Britain and Aldersgate-street, London.

Bro. W. S. Chapman has been admitted to the freedom of the Horners' Company.

Bro. Streeter will return to the ruby mines in Burmah in about three weeks' time.

Bro. Deputy T. Beard has been elected Master of the Loriners' Company for the ensuing year.

Bro. F. Kent is a candidate to represent the Ward of Cheap in the Court of Common Council of the City of London.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren's portrait will form the frontispiece of the narrative of the Bechuanaland expedition, by Rev. John Mackenzie.

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.—The funds received and definitely promised for the foundation and maintenance of the Institute now amount to £400,000.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., will on Friday, the 28th inst., preside at the annual meeting of the Richmond Wesleyan Missionary Society.

Bro. Sir John Puleston, M.P., of the Wheelwrights' Company, will preside at the annual meeting of the Civil Service Writers' Association, to be held on Monday next.

Bro. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, will preside at the dinner to be given by the Brass and Copper Trades' Pension Society, at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 26th instant.

Bros. Major J. Woodall Woodall, Past Grand Treas.; I. Zacharie, Past G.M. California; Claudius F. Beattie, New York; and George Kenning, Proprietor of the *Freemason*, have joined the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, of which Bro. Brackstone Baker is the W.M.

BRO. TERRY'S THEATRE.—The Sub-Committee on Theatres, sitting at the office of the Metropolitan Board of Works, on Tuesday, recommended the granting of the certificate for the above-named theatre. The certificate will be sealed to-day (Friday), and the theatre will open on Monday next.

We regret to hear that R.W. Bro. Lord De Tabley, Past P.G.M. Cheshire, lies in a dangerous condition at his seat, Tabley Hall, Knutsford, and that there is but little, if any, hope of his recovery. His lordship, who some time since resigned the Prov. G. Mastership of Cheshire, is 77 years of age.

Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master of Masons of New York, the famous debt-reducer of his Grand Lodge, is very handsomely represented by an engraving in the Jubilee issue of the *London Freemason*. Bro. Lawrence was made a Mason in Excelsior Lodge, No. 195, of New York, in 1874, and is now serving for the third year as Grand Master of Masons—an unusual honour justly accorded him by his brethren.—*Keystone*.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts will be held at the Town Hall, Northampton, on Monday next, the 17th inst., when R.W. Bro. the Earl of Euston will be installed as P.G. Master of the province, in succession to R.W. Bro. the Duke of Manchester, resigned. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 2 p.m., and the ceremony will be performed by R.W. Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. of Surrey, who will be assisted in his duties by several Grand Officers.

Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master designate of Norths and Hunts, is an initiate and present W.M. of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 445, Towcester, and Prov. S.G.W. of Norths and Hunts. His lordship is eldest son of the Duke of Grafton, and we doubt not will materially assist in promoting the success of the Craft in the province he is about to preside over. We wish him all success in his new position.

Bro. Seymour Smith announces his annual benefit concert to take place at South-place Institute, Moorgate-street, to-morrow (Saturday). As usual there is a strong list of vocalists and instrumentalists, comprising many old favourites and some new to fame. We can speak of Bro. Seymour Smith's annual entertainment as one of the most enjoyable we have the privilege of attending, and we trust it will be supported, as on former occasions, most generously.

The Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, has celebrated the Jubilee year in a very praiseworthy manner, the brethren having given handsome donations to the Masonic Charities. The amounts subscribed are as follows:—To the Girls' School, £63; to the Boys' School, £42; to the Benevolent Institution for Men, £21; for Women, £21; making a total of £147. The chief worker in the collection of this, and to whom its conception was due, was Bro. A. G. Hayman, the Charity Organisation Steward of the Lodge.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF DUMFRIES POST-OFFICE.—The foundation stone of this important building is to be laid to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, first by Bro. Villiers, Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, assisted by members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and daughter lodges, and perhaps a deputation also from the Grand Lodge. The procession will be formed at the militia barracks at half-past two o'clock. It will be headed by the militia band and the town council (with the Provost in his official robes), and other bodies will take part in it.

To-morrow (Saturday) Bro. Lord Mayor Hanson will receive the Elcho Challenge Shield, which was won this year by the English eight at Wimbledon. The shield will be formally hung in the Guildhall by a detachment of the Tower Hamlets Engineers, of which Bro. Sir A. Kirby is Colonel commanding, and will remain in its place till won by the Irish or Scotch team at some future meeting of the National Rifle Association, when it will be removed to Dublin or Edinburgh as the case may be.

Pertinent questions. What is more comforting in cold and damp weather than "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy"? What is more beneficial to the weak and aged than this wholesome tonic as recommended by Medical Men? What do Sportsmen and Travellers find more sustaining than a flask of this unrivalled liqueur, and for whom a stronger quality ("Sportman's") is prepared? Beware of imitations. Observe our branded corks and capsules. Sold by Wine Merchants, and by Thomas Grant and Sons, Maidstone, and 46, Gresham-street, E.C. Makers of the delicious Morella Marmalade. Sold by Grocers.

On his return to London from Scotland, the Prince of Wales started for Newmarket to attend the Houghton Meeting, and is expected back in town to-day (Friday).

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has concluded his visit to the Queen at Balmoral, and left for London, *via* Aberdeen, on Monday.

Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie, who has lately arrived in London from the Continent, reports very favourably of the present condition of the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany.

Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, British Ambassador at Berlin, and the Lady Ermytrude Malet, have left England, after their brief visit, and reached Berlin on Tuesday, where the Ambassador will resume his duties.

Bro. the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart.) will formally open the new park at Kilburn, which has been conveyed to the Corporation of London by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, on Saturday next, the 22nd inst.

The Prince of Wales has consented to visit Falmouth on the 2nd November, when his Royal Highness will receive an address from the inhabitants, and will lay the foundation-stone of a new church. On the following day he will be present at the consecration of Truro Cathedral, of which his Royal Highness laid the first stone.

Bro. J. D. Collier, who has acted as Secretary of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, since it was founded, was on Wednesday evening installed as W.M., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. the Lord Chancellor will entertain the Judges of the Supreme Court, Queen's Counsel, the Benchers of the several Inns of Court, and others, at breakfast at the House of Lords on Monday, the 24th inst., after which their lordships drive in procession to the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand, and the Law Courts will be formally opened.

On the 2nd November, Bro. Sir E. J. Reed, M.P., will present Lady Hanson with a portrait in oils of her husband, Bro. Lord Mayor Hanson, by Mr. Oules, which was painted for the Shipwrights' Company and exhibited at the Royal Academy.

The new Sheriffs, Bros. Major Davies and W. A. Higgs, were invited to take their seats on the Aldermanic Bench at the Court of Common Council of London, held at Guildhall on the 6th inst., under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bart.

The consecration of the Egerton Lodge, No. 2216, will take place on Thursday, the 27th inst., at the Bull Hotel, Swinton, near Manchester, and will be performed, in the probable absence of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, by Bro. Wm. Goudacre, Prov. G. Sec., Past G. Swd. Br. Bro. J. Chadderton, P.M. 1213, is the W.M. designate; Bro. Ross Andrew, S.W.; and Bro. A. P. Graves, J.W.

In accordance with arrangements already made and provided, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, S.G.W. of England, will visit Northampton on Tuesday, the 18th instant, for the purpose of laying the chief corner-stone of the new Jubilee wing of the General Infirmary, Northampton. The stone will be laid with Masonic ceremonial, and his Royal Highness will have the assistance of sundry Grand Officers as well as of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.—On the 7th inst., a meeting of the Court or Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at headquarters in Hope-street, Liverpool, and during the proceedings a very large sum was voted towards the education, maintenance, and clothing of the children of deceased Freemasons. The officers of the executive were then proposed for re-election, when a reference was made to the death of Bro. Dr. M'George, one of the medical officers, who had long and faithfully served the Institution, and Bro. Dr. Henry Pitts, P.P.G.S.B., was elected in his stead. Bro. Martin stated that he would like to resign in favour of some other brother who would worthily perform the duties of Honorary Secretary, but the feeling of the meeting was unanimously against this step, and he consented to serve again. A very conspicuous feature in the evening's business was the reading of a list of Jubilee contributions from the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, amounting to the handsome sum of £107. The usual Committees were appointed, and votes of thanks to the Chairman and officers concluded the proceedings.

Bro. the Rev. E. J. Fessenden, Incumbent of Chippawa, Niagra Falls, a member of the Committee of the Church Emigration Society, was one of the named speakers on "Emigration" at the Church Congress, Wolverhampton, and in the course of his address bore testimony to the value of the Society's work in bringing into close contact the home and Colonial clergy for the purpose of directing English emigrants to the places where their labour is required, and having their temporal as well as their spiritual wants looked after on their arrival in the Colony. Bro. the Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, the hon. secretary of the Society, of which Bro. Thomas Salt, M.P., is President and Treasurer, afterwards addressed the meeting, and gave interesting details of the extent of the Society's operations, its mode of working, and the care exercised by the Committee in the case of every applicant for emigration under their auspices. Bro. Major Cooper, the Secretary, was in attendance during the congress to give information to all enquirers. Bro. Cannon W. H. Cooper, late hon. Secretary and founder of the Society, has lately gone out to British Columbia, to take charge of the important district of Kamloops for a period of two years, at the request of Bro. the Bishop of New Westminster.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Health's Defences.—None save the strongest can with impunity pass through the sudden transitions from wet to dry, from cold to muggy weather, so prevalent during the autumnal and early winter months. Influenza, bronchitis, cough, sore throat, or quinsy will attack those most watchful of their health; but they can readily arrest any of these complaints by rubbing Holloway's Ointment twice a day upon the skin over the affected parts, and by assisting its corrective action with appropriate doses of his Pills. This well-known, safe, and easy mode of treatment efficiently protects the invalid both from present and future danger without weakening or even disturbing the system in the slightest degree.—*ADVT.*